

MOST Program Honored With National Endorsement

November 2020 - Colorado's Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) program has been awarded ongoing endorsement designation by National POLST, an honor bestowed on 24 states.

Only active programs are eligible for endorsed status. To earn endorsement ranking, a state program must actively participate in National POLST governance and develop and implement a POLST program in accordance with National POLST standards. Among the standards, Colorado must offer a single form for the state, program leadership diversity, attention to legal and regulatory issues related to POLST and development of strategies for ongoing statewide implementation, education and quality assurance.

Colorado Advance Directives Consortium (CADC), a volunteer organization of professionals in healthcare, senior services, law and ethics, began developing the MOST program in 2005, leading to legislation that passed and was signed into law by then-Gov. Bill Ritter in 2010. National POLST endorsed the program initially in January 2011. The program is reviewed by National POLST for re-endorsement every three years.

CADC disbanded in 2018 when the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) became the administrative home for the MOST program.

An endorsement renewal application outlining the program's achievements was submitted to National POLST in the summer of 2020. After an interview with MOST program national delegate Alissa Schramm and alternate Dr. Hillary Lum, the Program Standards Committee granted re-endorsement in November. The program's education efforts, stakeholder diversity and website were acknowledged by reviewers.

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