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RE: Addition of Physician Assistant Authorization to Legally Sign MOLST Form

Under a new Maryland law, as of October 1, 2013, Physician Assistants may sign the Maryland Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form. All health care professionals including all EMS providers, are required to recognize and abide by the MOLST orders that are signed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or, as of October 1, 2013, Physician Assistant. The signature and date are required to validate order.

EMS providers can expect to see the new form with the addition of the Physician Assistant later this fall. However, as of October 1, 2013, a MOLST form signed by a Physician Assistant is valid even if it is not on the new form specifically including a Physician Assistant.