POLST in Minnesota: Changes in 2016

POLST
Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment

History:
• National
• Minnesota
Changes:

- Meet national standards
- National endorsement

Currently:

19 Endorsed (3 Mature)
25 Developing
3 Non-conforming
3 Not (yet) developing

Newly-revised Minnesota form:

Added our state name on front!
Newly-revised Minnesota form:

Sections A & B:
- Indicate connection between choices made in sections A & B
- List options from most treatment to least
- Describe in patient-friendly vocabulary

Sections C & D:
- Move to front to indicate importance
- Clarify signature space
The ICPP Program

Identify patients who you wouldn’t be surprised if they died in the next year

Communication between the doctor and the identified patient about their prognosis, goals, and wishes

POLST completion of a POLST to reflect patient wishes

Payment as of January 1, 2016 physicians will be reimbursed by Medicare for these discussions
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What’s next:

• Final approvals and endorsements
• Education development
• Roll out!

Questions?