

Appendix A: Current POLST/MOLST Programs Stages of Development by State

Source: The National POLST Paradigm as of April 2018²²

Program Type	Description
Mature Programs = 2 California West Virginia Oregon ²³	Used by 50% or more hospitals, nursing homes or nursing home resident population and hospices. These programs are actively gathering quality assurance programs and have considered or implemented centralized databases or registries.
Endorsed Programs = 22 (includes Mature Program States) California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia (La Crosse Region only)	States that have implemented POLST programs that meet The National POLST Paradigm standards, have become standard components of advance care planning in the community and have developed strategies for ongoing implementation and quality assurance.
Developing Programs = 24 Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, , Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming	States that are in the process of developing a POLST program, ranging from initial design of the POLST form to active use of POLST forms statewide. POLST programs in this phase are evaluating and addressing sustainability strategies.
Non-Conforming Programs = 4 Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont, Nebraska	States that have developed POLST-like programs that are not in alignment with, or have not yet met The National POLST Paradigm requirements based on implementation, development of the form, or for legislative reasons.
Exploring or Planning Programs = 1 District of Columbia	In the initial planning stages, or have not yet begun development of a POLST program.

²² The National POLST Paradigm. (2018, April).

²³ Oregon separated from the National POLST organization in June of 2017; Oregon confirms that they exceed the Mature Program requirements.