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EMSA is initiating statewide ePOLST Registry and is inviting you to sign up for updates on the project.

The funded omnibus health trailer bill AB 133 (Committee on Business, Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), enacted the California POLST eRegistry Act, requiring EMSA to establish a statewide electronic registry system to collect a patient's Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) information and share it with authorized healthcare providers.

Under the California POLST eRegistry Act, EMSA shall adopt regulations for operation of the POLST eRegistry System, including standards and procedures for the submission and dissemination of electronic POLST information, user identify verification, and standards to ensure the accuracy and protect the confidentiality of POLST information.

The POLST eRegistry System will incorporate the pre-existing Advance Health Care Directive Registry and will be implemented in conjunction with the California Emergency Medical Services Data Resource System (CEDRS) and its project development timeline.

The passage of AB 133 appropriated \$10,000,000 General Fund (GF) for the 2021-22 FY for the development and implementation of the system, with implementation or maintenance and operation costs to be determined by the California Department of Technology. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars of General Fund was appropriated for each fiscal year thereafter to EMSA for state operations to prepare for and support the system.

EMSA actively ensure that all interested parties and the agencies are informed and can participate in the development of the POLST eRegistry. If you are interested in updates on this project and to participate in the stakeholder planning activities, send an email with the requested information listed below to:

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The organization's affiliation

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If you have any questions, please send an email to the HIE inbox at: hie.ems@emsa.ca.gov.

Thank you

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