

National POLST

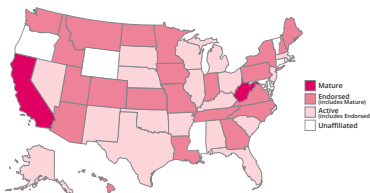
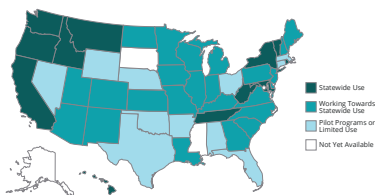
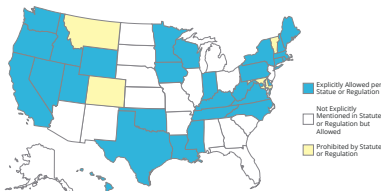
Impact Statement 2020

National POLST made great strides in 2020, improving public outreach and communications, increasing stakeholder engagement and education, and setting and promoting new POLST guidance and standards nationally.

These bring us closer to fulfilling our **Vision** (*all states have adopted POLST, resulting in consistency of process, improved patient care and greater patient control and direction over medical treatment*) and **Mission** (*to advance POLST through stewardship, education, advocacy, support for state efforts, and national leadership*).

Improved Public Communication and Outreach

- **Website** was overhauled, redesigned specifically for the public. [Visit website.](#)
- **New, engaging animated videos** clearly explain complex end-of-life topics.
- **New Directory of POLST Programs** makes it simple to find your local POLST contacts. [View online.](#)
- **Revised Patient Resources** includes COVID resources, anti-racism resources and general resources. [View online.](#)



Increased Stakeholder Engagement and Education

- **Monthly eNewsletters** regularly informed POLST leaders about POLST news, resources, and research. [View online.](#)
- **Maps** depict nationwide status of POLST.
 - New Pediatric POLST map. [View online.](#)
 - Updated POLST program designations map. [View.](#)
 - Updated Level of POLST Use map. [View.](#)
 - Updated State POLST Registry map. [View.](#)
 - Updated Adoption of National POLST Form. [View.](#)
- **Forum for POLST Leaders:**
 - Fostered discussions about POLST, supported projects.
 - Consolidated historical project information.
- **Webinars** educated stakeholders about:
 - Benefits of having a POLST Registry. [Watch online.](#)
 - Managing end-of-life care and POLST during the pandemic. [View online.](#)

Refined and Promoted POLST Guidance and Standards

- **The National POLST Form**, released in 2019, is being adopted and considered programs nationwide. [See map.](#)
 - 3 states adopted the National POLST Form.
 - 5 states are working towards adopting it.
 - 26 states are considering its adoption.
- **COVID-19 resources** developed by National POLST:
 - Guidelines for Completing POLST Forms in Crisis Standards of Care. [View online.](#)
 - COVID-19 & POLST Statement. [View online.](#)
- **Statement against Racial Injustice.** [View online.](#)
- **Incentives & Quality Assurance Policy.** [View online.](#)
- **Legislative Guide** (updated October 2020). [View online.](#)

