

THIS WEEK

POLST Progress on Senate Bill 3076

LeadingAge Illinois has been asked by the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Task Force in Illinois to share their progress on SB 3076. Legislation to improve the state's POLST form has passed in the Illinois State Senate and has moved to the House where it has been assigned to the Health Care Licenses Committee.

This legislation brings the form into compliance with the requirements set by the National POLST Initiative by changing the title to "IDPH Uniform DNR/POLST form" to indicate that orders other than "DNR" may appear. It expands the types of health care professionals who may execute the POLST form to include advanced practice nurses, physician assistants and some medical residents.

If you choose, the POLST Task Force asks you to call/contact your Illinois State Representative. If you cannot identify your Representative, please go to this web site and enter your zip code: http://capwiz.com/nra/dbg/officials/.

For areas where more than one state representative is identified, you should enter your 9-digit zip code. To look up zip codes, go to this web site: https://tools.usps.com/go/ZipLookupAction!input.action.

Other questions may be directed to POLST Illinois Coordinator Rachael Telleen.