



Memorandum of Support

A10764/S7683

The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State (HPCANYS) strongly supports A10764/A7683, which will amend New York State public health law and make the Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) permanent and statewide. This legislation will facilitate appropriate treatment by emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. MOLST could then be used in the community as DNR and DNI throughout New York State.

The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State (HPCANYS) is a not-for-profit organization representing hospice and palliative care programs, allied organizations and individuals that are interested in the development and growth of quality, comprehensive end-of-life services. Making MOLST permanent and statewide supports HPCANYS mission: *“To promote the availability and accessibility of quality hospice and palliative care for all persons in New York State confronted with life-limiting illness.”*

The MOLST Program is designed to improve the quality of care people receive at the end of life and is based on effective communication of patient wishes, documentation of medical orders on a brightly colored form and a promise by health care professionals to honor these wishes.

The MOLST form does not replace traditional advance directives like the Health Care Proxy. Rather, it expands on the Nonhospital DNR and addresses other important life-sustaining treatment.

On behalf of the patients and families served by New York’s Hospice and palliative care programs, we urge passage of A10764 and S7683.

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