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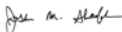
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To: Interested Parties

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Secretary

Date: September 20, 2011

Subject: Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Form

The development and implementation of the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form is an important step to help health care providers honor individuals' wishes for their end of life care. The Department's initial plan aimed for implementation of this form on October 1, 2011. In recent days, key stakeholders have made the reasonable request that the Department take further public comment and allow additional time for implementation.

As a result, the Department is not proceeding with the emergency regulations that would have required implementation on October 1. On September 23, we will publish proposed regulations for 30 days of public comment in the Maryland Register. More information will be available online at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/marylandmolst>.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Tricia Nay at the Office of Health Care Quality, Paul Ballard at the Office of the Attorney General, or Dr. Richard Alcorta at MIEMSS via the e-mail address MarylandMOLST@dhmh.state.md.us.