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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to alert you to the revision in the standard form for **POLST** in the State of New Hampshire. As of July we have been responding to requests for resupply by shipping the revised version, which we have attached here. I have also attached a summary which highlights the changes made from the prior version. The current, revised version is intended to stand alone (without being accompanied by a pink Portable DNR form) as a portable DNR order, compliant with NH statutory requirements. As you know, the POLST form is intended for patients with advanced illness or frailty and can only be obtained from providers. We would advise making use of the revised version as soon as expedient for your organization.

The **Portable DNR form**, useful by preference for a wider population, is still available and has not been revised.

I would also remind you that the **Advance Care Planning Guide** has also been revised, largely to incorporate reference to Surrogacy provisions in the statute enacted since the last revision, to make reference to POLST and, as always, to insinuate conversational English into the document in place of technical language. It is available for download on our website (www.healthynh.com) for both providers and consumers. As no key provisions in the Advance Directives form itself were altered, you may still use your remaining supplies of prior revisions. However, it would be advisable to review the current revision, paying attention to Disclosures, FAQ's and Glossary as regards to POLST and surrogacy. Feel free to download and copy these pages if you feel it would be helpful for your discussions when advising your patients.

Finally, we have attached an order form for your convenience, should you need any of these documents, or their companion guides/brochures.

Please contact the Foundation office with any questions.

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