

Announcement

Virginia's POST Form has been revised

The Administrative Code for Virginia EMS has been changed to specifically recognize POST orders as a Durable DNR order when Do Not Attempt Resuscitation has been checked. This offered an opportunity to make additional changes and clarifications to improve the POST program. Please review the summary of changes and other information below.

Summary of Changes

Page 1:

Section A: New language indicating that POST is a DDNR order if Do Not Attempt Resuscitation is checked.

Statement to specify that if a patient previously signed a POST form indicating DNR or a DDNR form, only the patient can revoke consent.

Section B: Explicit note in the left column indicating that Full Treatment is the protocol when Attempt Resuscitation is checked in Section A.

Section D: New section to allow a left column identifying providers who are authorized to sign POST orders.

“Physician Signature” changed to “Provider Signature”

Signature of Patient or Authorized Person: Note under the signature regarding limitations to changes in Section A

Authority for decision making when patient lacks decisional capacity moved from page 2 to the bottom of page 1.

New copyright date and box for patient label

Page 2: In general, reduced amount of text and redundant language

Last 4 numbers of SSN changed to Date of Birth as a patient identifier

Signature of Healthcare Professional removed; Organization added.



Completing POST Section:

Second bullet: added electronic version to be honored as if it were an original.

Using POST Section:

First Bullet: Emphasis that Full Interventions can be used to authorize ventilation/intubation as a treatment for respiratory distress, combined with a DNR order in the event of a full arrest.

Revoking/Making Changes to Section A:

Separated changes to Section A from changes to the rest of the document due to limitations on changing a DDNR order.

First Bullet: provides reference and language from the Regulatory Code that identifies POST as a DDNR order.

Second bullet: emphasis that only the patient can revoke consent to a DDNR if the patient has signed the form

Third bullet: Clarifies that a legally authorized decision maker may make changes in light of changes in the patient's condition, including changing "Attempt Resuscitation" to a DDNR order in Section A.

Virginia POST contact email address updated.

Implementing Changes in Your Area

ORDERING POST FORMS:

POST Forms are distributed by the Virginia POST Collaborative through the Virginia POST Home, Capital Caring. Each packet contains 50 POST forms. Charges cover the expense of paper, printing and postage.

Packets:

1-4 (50 – 200 forms)
5-10 (250 – 500 forms)

Price:

\$7.50 per packet, plus shipping
\$6.25 per packet, plus shipping

Contact us directly for larger orders

Shipping is a flat rate of \$20.00 per order.

Order POST forms in the Members section on the web page at www.viriniapost.org

WHAT TO DO NOW:

Use old POST forms at your own discretion. If you decide to replace your current inventory with new POST forms, destroy the older version. Follow the copyright date at the bottom of the form to distinguish different versions of POST.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

Contact the organizations in your regions that are using POST to communicate these changes. This is a good opportunity to discuss policies, procedures and questions about using POST. Consider suggesting a spot-check audit to ensure quality implementation and address issues as needed.

POST FACILITY SITE LEADERS:

Communicate these changes to your ACP Facilitators and clinical staff. This is a good opportunity for refresher training for both Facilitators and End Users.

Thank you for protecting the integrity of Virginia's Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment program! With careful attention to Advance Care Planning discussions, thorough documentation, communication, and adherence to the program Standards, we will continue to promote honoring informed choices for people with advanced illness.

QUESTIONS?

Please direct questions to the Virginia POST Collaborative Program Coordinator at program.coordinator@viriniapost.org.

