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1.18.1 PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT (POLST) POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) shall honor and make available to all patients the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) 7465, Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST).

II. PURPOSE

This policy accompanies the CDCR 7465 and complements the CDCR 7421, Advance Directive for Health Care.

III. DEFINITIONS

Advance Directive for Health Care: Allows the patient to do *either or both* of the following: 1) state instructions for future health care decisions; and/or 2) appoint an agent with Power of Attorney for Health Care (See CDCR 7421).

Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment: A physician order that documents a patient’s ‘preferred intensity of care’ concerning life-sustaining treatment and end of life care, including resuscitation status, and which translates those expressed preferences into a physician’s order (See CDCR 7465).

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Executive Officer or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy.

V. REFERENCES

- California Probate Code, Division 4.7, Part 1, Chapter 1, Sections 4605, 4607, 4609, 4617, 4650, 4654, 4780, 4781, 4781.2, 4781.5, 4782, 4783, 4785, 4734, and 4735
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department Operations Manual, Chapter 9, Article 10, Sections 91100, 91100.1, 91100.4.1, 91100.4.3, 91100.5, 91100.6, 91100.8, 91100.10, and 91100.13
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 1, Chapters 17A and 17B, Advance Directive for Health Care Policy and Procedure
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 7465, Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment