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# **DMOST Steering Committee**

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## **Agenda**

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# History

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MOLST (Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) implemented in 2012

Stakeholder feedback identified following issues:

- No standardized training for medical providers
- Paper-based form allows for errors, duplication and confusion for EMS
- Form, clinical and administrative processes not aligned with best practices
- Not transferable across care settings or state lines
- No interoperability with EHR, which creates an impediment to clinician adoption.

# Project Impetus

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[Bill H. 5374](#) signed in 2022:

- Transition from the current MOLST form process to the National POLST Paradigm
- Develop, implement, and operate a statewide electronic POLST IT system.
- Establish [POLST Trust Fund](#)

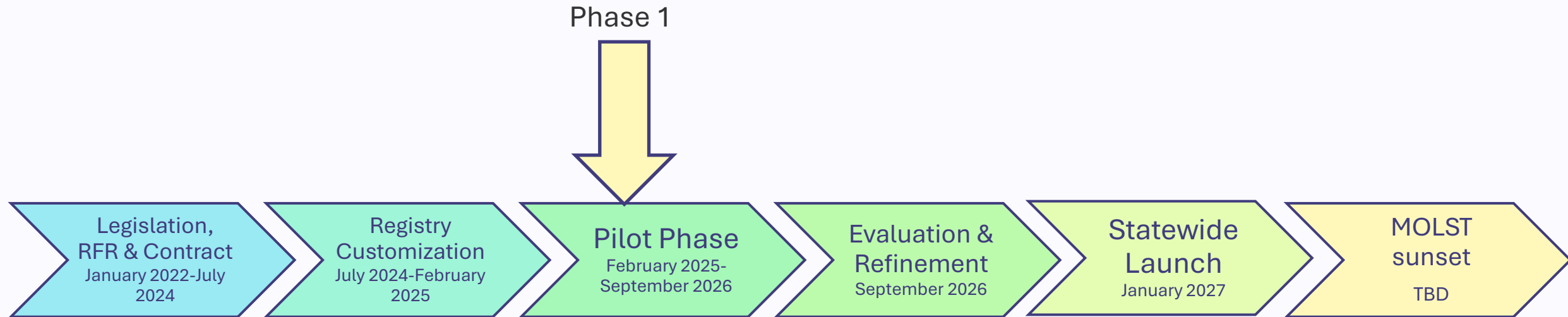


# Scope

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- Ongoing stakeholder engagement with internal and external stakeholders
- Clinician Training
- Education for patients, healthcare agents, and guardians
- IT system integration with provider Electronic Health Record systems
- Data-driven Continuous Quality Improvement
- Sustainability

# Timeline



# Pilot

## Phase 1 Testing

- Registry User Experience
  - Onboarding
  - Creating POLST
- Registry training

## Phase 2 Testing

- Integration
- Stand Alone Workflows
- Provider Training

## Phase 3

- Live environment
- Consumer Education materials
- Website
- Best practices, workflows
- Implementation Toolkit

# Appendix

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# External Stakeholders

## Healthcare Organizations

- Outpatient PCP or Specialty practice\*
- Emergency Department
- Inpatient/ICU\*
- VAMC\*
- Skilled Nursing Facility\*
- Home Health Care\*
- Hospice\*
- Home-based palliative and primary care\*
- Long-term care\*
- Dialysis Centers
- Pediatrics\*
- EMS providers\*

## Consumers:\*

- Patients of any age with serious illness or advanced frailty, including
  - Older adults
  - Children with disabilities
  - Children with disabilities transitioning to adulthood
  - Adults with disabilities
- Health Care Agents, Guardians, family members or other lay persons who provide support for patients with serious illness or advanced frailty (i.e., neighbors, friends, private aides)
- Honoring Choices Massachusetts\*

## Industry Trade Groups

- Mass Senior Care\*
- Mass Coalition for Serious Illness\*
- Massachusetts Medical Society\*
- Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association\*
- Hospice Federation of Massachusetts\*
- Home and Health Care Association of Mass\*
- Mass Health Data Consortium\*
- Courageous Parents' Network

\*denotes representation on Advisory Groups or as Development Partner



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