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Honoring Healthcare Choices – Michigan is pleased to announce House Bill 4170 has been signed into law as Public Act 154 of 2017. This law establishes Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) as a legal tool that communicates the decisions a seriously-ill Individual, or his/her Patient Advocate or Court-appointed Guardian, makes about the care he/she does and does not desire, should there be a medical crisis in which the individual cannot express these decisions. The POST process is respectful of the individual’s personal values, goals and experiences, and follows the ethical principles of information consent.

Honoring Healthcare Choices – Michigan worked with organizations representing numerous healthcare settings, including emergency medical services, hospital, home care, skilled nursing facility, elder law and hospice, and consumer advocacy groups, to establish and test the POST program in Michigan. The results of the 2-year pilot program allowed Honoring Healthcare Choices – Michigan to work with advocates and law-makers to establish the four-bill package resulting in the establishment of POST as a means for supporting the right of Michigan citizens to choose and direct their care. We extend a sincere thank you to those who have participated in and supported these efforts.

Additional information about POST, Public Act 154 (2017), and amendments to existing law are attached. Please visit the Honoring Healthcare Choices – Michigan website [www.honoringhealthcarechoicesmi.org](http://www.honoringhealthcarechoicesmi.org), for information and updates.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Stramecki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" and the last name "Stramecki" clearly legible.

Carolyn Stramecki

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