2019 Public Policy & Advocacy Priorities

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### AMDA-Specific Issues

- Strengthen and Add Value to the Role of Medical Director
- Quality Measurement
- Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities
- MACRA Implementation and new models of payment (i.e. Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APM))
- Post-Acute and Long-Term Care as a Specialty
- Clinical Technologies in PALTC (HIT)
  - Interoperability of EHRs
  - Use of Data
- CMS Medical Director Database

### Coalition-Building Issues

- PDPM Transition
- Payment/RUC
  - Annual Physician Fee Schedule
  - E/M Rework
- Improving Dementia Care in Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living (work with NCAL and ALFA)
- Minimum PALTC Staffing Requirements
- Telemedicine in PALTC
- Appropriate Management of Pain
  - Recognize nurse as agent
  - Define emergency in the PALTC setting
- Infection control (HAIs)
- Geriatric workforce issues
- Medicare observation status/3 day stay
- Hospice/End of Life
  - Physician Choice
  - Relatedness to Terminal Prognosis
- Transitions of Care
- Medical liability
- Clinical Issues
  - Marijuana Use in PALTC Setting
  - Dysphagia in PALTC
- Infection Control (HAIs)
- Antibiotic Stewardship

### Issues to Monitor

- General Practice Issues
- Support General Physician Issues