AMDA House of Delegates Report &
Resolutions Results Update

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Summary of Recent Actions
The following resolutions and/or White Papers were introduced by the House of Delegates in 2019. Below are the resulting positions, polices or actions taken by AMDA:

Resolutions
Bylaws

A19-White Paper: Stopping Eating and Drinking by Advance Directives (SED by AD) in the Assisted Living Facility and Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Setting

- Introduced by: AMDA Ethics Committee
- Results: Passed by HOD and BOD

B19-Practitioner Frequency of Patient Visits

- Introduced by: Kentucky Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, Indiana Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
- Results: Failed to pass the HoD

C19-Provider Initial Patient Visit

- Introduced by: Kentucky Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, Indiana Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
- Results: Failed to pass the HoD

D19-Medical Director Impact in Quality Outcomes
• **Introduced by:** Kentucky Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, Indiana Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

• **Results:** Referred to the Board. Integrated into the work ABPLM is doing on the impact medical directors have on quality.

**E19-A - Medical Director Compensated for Medical Director Services Not Referrals**

• **Introduced by:** California Association of Long-Term Care Medicine and the Kentucky Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

• **Results:** Passed by HoD as amended and adopted by the Board as policy. Integrated into Society’s policy.

**E19-B - Medical Director Compensated for Medicare Director Services Not Referrals- Request CMS to Maintain a Database of Medical Directors**

• **Introduced by:** California Association of Long-Term Care Medicine and the Kentucky Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

• **Results:** Passed by HoD and adopted by the Board as policy. Integrated into Society’s policy and advocacy.

**F19 - Remote Medical Direction in Nursing Facilities**

• **Introduced by:** Illinois Medical Directors Association

• **Results:** Referred to the Board by the HoD. Telemedicine work group working on addressing this overall issue. Public Policy continues to advocate to CMS to remove the once every 30 days limitation on telehealth visits in the nursing home.

**G19 - Reciprocity of Medical Licensure Across Stateline**

• **Introduced by:** Illinois Medical Directors Association

• **Results:** Failed to pass the HOD.
Informational

Marijuana Use in PA/LTC
• Introduced by: Clinical Issues Subcommittee of Public Policy
• Results: Passed and adopted by the Board November 2019.

COVID-19
• Introduced by: AMDA Board of Directors
• Results: Passed and adopted by the Board March 2020

Policy Compendium Review
This year the Society’s policy compendiums were reviewed by the HoD Chair and HoD Board representatives to ensure they were up to date and still relevant to current policy. The following resolutions were deferred to the historical compendium:

• D18-Need for Increasing Home Care Services to Assist Obese Older Adults with Complex Health Care Needs, Age at Home and Thereby Delay or Avoid Nursing Home Entry.
  o Completed. Added to educational gaps.
• F16-Remove Pain Scores from Quality Metrics
  o Completed.
• I13-Social Media in Long Term Care
  o Task force was created, and policy drafted.
• D97-Ethic Committees in Nursing Homes
  o Included in updated White Paper The Role of a Facility Ethics Committee in Decision-Making at the End of Life.
• D92-Definition of Medically Necessary Visits
  o Updated with White Paper Determination and Documentation of Medical Necessity in Long Term Care Facilities

Thank you,
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Chairman, House of Delegates