RESOLUTION B24

SUBJECT: TELE-PRESENTER FEE FOR PALTC TELEMEDICINE VISITS

INTRODUCED BY: TELEHEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE OF PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE & NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

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WHEREAS, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), nursing homes (NFs), and assisted living communities (ALFs) together constitute the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) setting and provide care and shelter to our nation’s most vulnerable and medically complex populations with functional and cognitive disabilities;

AND WHEREAS, there remains an acute shortage of primary care practitioners and medical specialists who practice in the PALTC setting to care for the vulnerable residents in these facilities resulting in inadequate access to their care;

AND WHEREAS, in response to inadequate access to timely and necessary medical care for PALTC residents, Medicare and other payors have permitted use of Telemedicine visits in PALTC and reimburse practitioners for such visits;

AND WHEREAS, by definition, most PALTC residents require assistance with activities of daily living, and will therefore need assistance from another person to participate in a telemedicine visit utilization of this modality of clinical care and requires a facility employed or third party ‘tele-presenter’ to initiate and be present for the duration of such visits;

AND WHEREAS, the current reimbursement model for telemedicine visits in PALTC settings does not sufficiently factor in the cost to the facilities to provide the required ‘tele-presenter’ facilitation of such visits and therefore acts as a barrier to effective implementation, adoption, and utilization of this much needed service for PALTC residents;

AND WHEREAS, AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine advocates to promote telemedicine utilization in PALTC by removing infrastructure and payment barriers to residents’ access to telemedicine care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine work with interested parties to advocate for a fair ‘tele-presenter fee’ to reimburse Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) facilities or other enterprises that facilitate telemedicine visits in PALTC for their cost to provide tele-presenter services for the functionally and cognitively challenged residents where they reside.
FISCAL NOTE:
If passed by the House of Delegates and adopted as Society policy by the Board of Directors, the fiscal impact of this would be low, as it would be incorporated into AMDA’s existing and ongoing advocacy and coalition work.

RESOLUTION RESULTS: <FOR AMDA OFFICE ONLY>