AMDA – THE SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE & LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

RESOLUTION C20

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL LEVEL NON-PHYSICIAN ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS (NPAHPS) AS GENERAL MEMBERS OF AMDA: THE SOCIETY FOR POST ACUTE & LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

INTRODUCED BY:

• CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE,
• MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF LONG-TERM CARE PRACTITIONERS,
• OMDA: THE OHIO SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE,
• THE OREGON SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE,
• PMDA: THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE, AND
• THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE
• THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

INTRODUCED ON: APRIL 2020

WHEREAS, the bylaws of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine allow licensed physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants to be general members of the organization;

AND WHEREAS, said bylaws currently allow doctoral level non-physician allied health practitioners (NPAHPS) such as consulting pharmacists (PharmD), geriatric dentists (DDS), physical therapists (DPT), registered dieticians (RD), clinical psychologists (PhD/PsyD) (and others yet to be named), to be affiliate members of AMDA without voting rights or ability to serve on the AMDA Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS, doctoral level non-physician allied health practitioners (NPAHPS) such as those described above are increasingly involved in post-acute and long-term care medicine;

AND WHEREAS, both physicians and doctoral level non-physician allied health professionals (NPAHPS) practicing in post-acute and long-term care settings share the intent of the mission of the organization, that being commitment to the continuous improvement of quality patient care by providing education, advocacy, information, and professional development for those who practice comprehensive medical care in post-acute and long-term care;

AND WHEREAS, any costs associated with implementing a change in AMDA membership categories to make general membership available to doctoral level NPAHPS would potentially be covered by the increased membership this would promote;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine allow general membership to doctoral level non-physician allied health practitioners (NPAHPs) whose professional services are provided in full or in part within the post-acute and long-term care continuum.

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 moderate, as it would require an amendment to the Society Bylaws with legal review and presentation to the House for adoption; and revision of Society membership materials, website, and related communications. If this results in an eventual increase in membership, these costs may be partially or wholly offset.

RESOLUTION RESULTS: <FOR AMDA OFFICE ONLY>