RESOLUTION D20

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR MINIMUM EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIRECTORS IN POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE (PA/LTC)

INTRODUCED BY: FMDA – THE FLORIDA SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

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WHEREAS, it is well established that Medical Directors in PA/LTC must possess an adequate specific fund of knowledge and unique skill set to optimally perform the functions and tasks mandated by this position;

AND WHEREAS, there exists evidence-based literature suggesting that the presence of a Medical Director with additional training may improve care quality and is generally more engaged;

AND WHEREAS, in the past several years there has been an influx of specialists into PA/LTC serving in the role of Medical Director, often without any formal supplemental training;

AND WHEREAS, there exists precedent for state required minimum education standards (i.e., Maryland) for Physicians serving in the role of Medical Director in PA/LTC;

AND WHEREAS, it is AMDA’s fundamental goal to promote the highest quality of care to patients/residents in the PA/LTC setting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine supports and encourages State initiatives, including model legislation, i.e., Maryland, to promote minimum education standards for Physicians serving in the role of Medical Director in PA/LTC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state specific minimum education standards would include completion of a specified number of initial and maintenance education credits related to medical direction in PA/LTC.

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. The Society already advocates for recognition that PALTC
medicine and Medical Direction require knowledge and skills beyond those provided in the standard medical curriculum, and we would work with our State Chapters to advocate for this at the State level.

**RESOLUTION RESULTS: <FOR AMDA OFFICE ONLY**