WHEREAS, unlicensed and fraudulent (specifically referencing false identity) health care providers exist in the PA/LTC arena;

AND WHEREAS, PA/LTC patients/residents and their families have the appropriate expectation that providers caring for them have been properly credentialed (i.e., verification of identity and state professional license) to ensure safety and optimum health care quality;

AND WHEREAS, a minimal set of credentialing in PA/LTC should be efficient and effective;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, supports a state-specific minimal credentialing standard, to include verification of identity and professional licensure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to initiating service(s), all health care providers (including Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and other Allied Health Care Providers) practicing in the PA/LTC setting must submit to the appropriate organizational designee a current government issued photo identification (e.g., driver’s license), a current state issued professional license, related to the service(s) provided, and, as appropriate, a current DEA certificate.

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. This resolution is aligned with the Society’s existing activity with respect to improving the professionalism of the clinical team in PALTC.