

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term  
29 Care Medicine work with interested parties to advocate for a fair ‘tele-presenter fee’ to reimburse  
30 Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) facilities or other enterprises that facilitate  
31 telemedicine visits in PALTC for their cost to provide tele-presenter services for the functionally  
32 and cognitively challenged residents where they reside.

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35 **FISCAL NOTE:**

36 If passed by the House of Delegates and adopted as Society policy by the Board of Directors, the  
37 fiscal impact of this would be low, as it would be incorporated into AMDA's existing and  
38 ongoing advocacy and coalition work.

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

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