

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

**RESOLUTION D24**

**SUBJECT:** EXPAND ACCESS TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITY SERVICES FOR PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD).

**INTRODUCED BY:** TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF LONG TERM CARE PHYSICIANS & ILLINOIS SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

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1 **WHEREAS**, Opioid use disorder (OUD) in older adults is one of the fastest growing  
2 health problems that continues to go underrecognized and undertreated. There is an  
3 increasing number of older adults with a history of OUD or on medications for OUD  
4 (MOUD; i.e., methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone) who are hospitalized and  
5 require discharge to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), but face disproportionate harms  
6 when they are not able to access SNF care;

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8 **AND WHEREAS**, There is a pervasive practice of screening patients for admission to  
9 SNFs (i.e., 80% of referrals being denied and 40% of patients being denied SNF  
10 admission) leading to longer hospital lengths of stay awaiting disposition and discharge  
11 to self-care despite being recommended for SNF care. Care provisions in SNFs based on  
12 a patient's history of OUD and being on MOUD leads to unnecessary and potentially  
13 unsafe changes, interruptions, and discontinuations of MOUD.

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-  
16 Term Care Medicine, together with likeminded professional organizations, advocate for  
17 legislative and regulatory action ensuring patients cannot be denied admission to skilled  
18 nursing facilities based on blanket policies denying admission based solely on the  
19 diagnosis of opioid use disorder (OUD) or active medications for OUD (MOUD) use;

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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and  
22 Long-Term Care Medicine, advocates for and supports legislation and regulatory action  
23 for adequate reimbursement of skilled nursing facilities for the complexity of care and  
24 resources utilized for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment;

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26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and  
27 Long-Term Care Medicine, address barriers in the prescribing, dispensing, and  
28 administration of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) by skilled nursing  
29 facilities and long-term care associated pharmacies.

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



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