

**POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**RESOLUTION A25**

**SUBJECT:** REAL-TIME BIDIRECTIONAL COMMUNICATION

**INTRODUCED BY:** PALTMED MICHIGAN, CMDA-THE COLORADO SOCIETY FOR  
POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

**INTRODUCED ON:** MARCH 2025

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1 **WHEREAS**, Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) has, since  
2 2014, actively sought to identify and foster the development of robust, bidirectional electronic  
3 messaging and document exchanges among nursing homes and other community health care  
4 providers in post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) settings; and  
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6 **WHEREAS**, gaps in interoperability persist, resulting in daily communication errors that cause  
7 preventable patient harm, diminish care quality, and increase healthcare costs; and  
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9 **WHEREAS**, seamlessly integrated, real-time, two-way communication among all  
10 stakeholders—including hospital systems, sub-acute and long-term care facilities, assisted living  
11 communities, physicians, pharmacies, and other providers of senior care—represents a critical  
12 factor in ensuring patient safety and continuity of care; therefore be it resolved  
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14 **RESOLVED**, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed),  
15 advocate for regulatory legislation that mandates **real-time bidirectional communication**  
16 between electronic medical record (EMR) systems across the full medical care continuum and  
17 the **funding** and **enforcement** of this legislation. PALTmed will work on this legislation with its  
18 partner organizations and all relevant stakeholders, including hospital systems and EMR  
19 vendors; and be it further  
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21 **RESOLVED**, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) notify  
22 PALTmed members, of the EMR platforms, technologies, and programs making progress toward  
23 achieving universal interoperability in PALTC settings with regular frequency, to be determined  
24 by the transitions of care committee; and be it further  
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26 **RESOLVED**, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed)  
27 supports its members who wish to implement interoperable systems of bidirectional real-time  
28 communications by **facilitating partnerships** among all provider groups that are integral in care  
29 transitions, including hospital systems, accountable care organizations, EMR vendors,  
30 pharmacies, outpatient and specialty providers.; and be it further  
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- 37 **FISCAL NOTE:**  
38 If passed by the House of Delegates and adopted as Association policy by the Board of  
39 Directors, this resolution could have no to low financial impact, as it would be incorporated into  
40 PALTmed's existing and ongoing advocacy and coalition work.



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