

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

RESOLUTION E25-L

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

INTRODUCED BY: PALTMED - GEORGIA; CMDA-THE COLORADO SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE; PALTMED PENNSYLVANIA; PALTMED – IOWA, NYSPALTC-NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE; PALTMED MICHIGAN; CALTCM-CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LONG TERM CARE MEDICINE; GREATER NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE; WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

INTRODUCED ON: March 2025

1 **WHEREAS**, public health agencies help create standards of care for our post-acute, long-term
2 care (PALTC) population, including (but not limited to) identifying infectious disease outbreaks
3 and effective responses; reducing the use of unnecessary antibiotics thereby reducing the
4 emergence of resistant microorganisms; identifying medications likely to be harmful to our
5 population and identifying best practices to reduce use of these medications by deprescribing;
6 identifying vaccines and vaccination strategies that save lives and are likely to reduce the burden
7 of illness in our populations; falls prevention; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, public health agencies help create standards for those who work in PALTC
10 settings, including kitchen staff, custodial staff, administrative staff and clinicians, which enable
11 all staff members to work safely while caring for our population; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, much of the care provided in the PALTC setting is based on research funded by
14 public health agencies; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, state and municipal public health programs are often dependent on funding and
17 data from federal agencies; and

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19 **WHEREAS**,, medical societies including the Infectious Disease Society of America¹ and the
20 American Medical Association² have expressed support for federal public health agencies; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, limits placed on communication from public health agencies compromise the care
23 of the population we serve and the work of PALTmed; therefore be it

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25 **RESOLVED**, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed)
26 commits to supporting the vital role of federally funded public health in the care of the post-acute
27 and long-term care (PALTC) population with publicly expressed support in PALTmed

- 1 publications and media outlets, and communication with other societies representing health
- 2 professionals.
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FISCAL NOTE:

If passed by the House of Delegates and adopted as Association policy by the Board of Directors, this resolution would have no financial impact, as it would utilize existing resources and staff to advance this resolution.



RESOLUTION RESULTS: < FOR PALTmed OFFICE ONLY >

REFERENCES

1. "Statement on Removal of Vaccine Promotion and ACIP Meeting Postponement." IDSA Home, Infectious Diseases Society of America, 21 Feb. 2025, www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2025/statement-on-acip-meeting-postponement-and-removal-of-vaccine-information/.
2. Bibbins-Domingo, Kirsten, et al. "Reaffirming the JAMA network commitment to the health of patients and the public." JAMA, 20 Feb. 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2025.2405>.