

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

RESOLUTION # D26

SUBJECT: Discharge Summaries from Skilled Nursing Facilities

INTRODUCED BY: New York Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care

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1 **Whereas**, when patients transition between different settings, i.e. community to hospital,
2 hospital to skilled nursing facility (SNF), and SNF to community, the quality of care and patient
3 safety can be compromised due to high rates of medication errors, incomplete/inaccurate
4 information transfer, and lack of follow-up care ^{1,2,3,4,5,6}; and
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6 **Whereas**, published recommendations for optimization of transitions of care including a 2016
7 best practice consensus from SGIM-AMDA-AGS ⁷ includes a recommendation that SNFs
8 transmit a formal discharge summary to the patient’s outpatient PCP within 72 hours of patient
9 discharge from SNF; and
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11 **Whereas**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a policy
12 regulation⁸ in 2017 requiring SNFs to create a discharge summary that includes but is not limited
13 to a recapitulation of the resident’s stay that includes, but is not limited to, diagnoses, course of
14 illness/treatment or therapy, medications and pertinent lab, radiology, and consultation results, to
15 improve follow-up care; therefore be it
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17 **RESOLVED**, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed)
18 educate their members as to CMS Policy⁸ regarding SNF’s responsibility to create and timely
19 deliver a comprehensive patient discharge summary to a patient’s outpatient primary care
20 physician (PCP); and be it further
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22 **RESOLVED**, that PALTmed advance education and clinical tools to facilitate PALTmed
23 medical providers to meet the recommended standard for discharge summary communication to
24 PCPs; and be it further
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26 **RESOLVED**, PALTmed advocate for inclusion of efficient, high-quality tools for SNF
27 discharge summary completion and distribution in EHRs.
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FISCAL NOTE:



RESOLUTION RESULTS: < FOR PALTmed OFFICE ONLY >

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