

House of Delegates Report to the Board of Directors

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The House of Delegates voted to open the Board of Directors elections to the general membership, marking a significant step toward broader member engagement and representation within the organization. As a result of this decision, the structure and schedule of the House of Delegates meeting during the annual conference has been revised to reflect this new governance process. The House of Delegates will now convene for a single meeting during the annual conference, scheduled for:

- **Saturday, March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

This meeting will focus on discussion of proposed resolutions and bylaws changes and continue to be a place for members' voices to be heard.

Additionally, all 2025 resolutions considered by the House and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors were formally adopted as policy in May 2025. These policies are now accessible to members through the [PALmed Policy Finder website](#).

A25- Real Time Bidirectional Communication

RESULT: **PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE**

- **Board Approved as Policy May 2025: The Board of Directors updated that language slightly around first resolved. PALmed cannot fund and enforce the legislation so clarified wording. Adopted amended resolution as PALmed policy. Incorporate into public policy advocacy action.**

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALmed), advocates for the legislation that requires and funds real-time bidirectional communication between electronic medical record (EMR) systems across the full medical care continuum and the funding and enforcement of this legislation. PALmed will work on this legislation with its partner organizations and all relevant stakeholders, including hospital systems and EMR vendors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALmed) supports its members who wish to implement interoperable systems of bidirectional real-time communications by facilitating partnerships among all provider groups that are integral in care transitions, including hospital systems, accountable care organizations, EMR vendors, pharmacies, outpatient and specialty providers.

B25- Oversight of PRN Antipsychotic Drugs for Hospice patients in Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care Facilities

RESULT: PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE

- Board Approved as Policy May 2025

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) work with appropriate stakeholders including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) (soon to be renamed National Alliance for Care at Home) to demonstrate the fulfillment of the intent of §483.45(e) by the hospice program specifically regarding the attending physician or prescribing practitioner evaluation of the resident for the appropriateness and renewal of the PRN anti-psychotic medication; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) advocate that Hospice patients in nursing facilities should be exempt from Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Regulation §483.45(e).

C25- POLST Clarification

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

- Board Approved as Policy May 2025

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) work with appropriate stakeholders, including the National POLST organization and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) (soon to be renamed National Alliance for Care at Home), to add clarity to the POLST around chest compressions as a treatment of choking and chest compressions as a part of resuscitation.

D25- Resident to Staff Abuse by Residents Who Do Not Have Capacity to Understand or Control Their Actions

RESULT: PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE

- Board Approved as Policy May 2025: The Board of Directors changed the language in the second resolve stating that PALTmed would provide and / or develop education and tools. Discussed perhaps putting it on the website under a topic of resources.

RESOLVED, that Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) acknowledge the often difficult work that encompasses caring for patients living in PALTC communities and elevate the public perceived value of supporting these residents, some of whom are not within the control or understanding of their own words and behaviors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) will provide and/or develop education and tools to help PALTC medical providers and medical directors support PALTC staff and increase understanding of resident to staff verbal and physical abuse.

E25-L- Public Health Infrastructure

RESULT: **LATE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

➤ **Board Approved as Policy May 2025**

RESOLVED, that our Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) commits to supporting the vital role of federally funded public health in the care of the post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) population with publicly expressed support in PALTmed publications and media outlets, and communication with other societies representing health professionals.

Policy Compendium Updates

Resolution G00, “*Euthanasia of Infants and Children*,” was moved to the PALTmed historical compendium because it conflicts with the 2024 position statement on Medical Aid in Dying (MAID). Additionally, a revision is recommended for white paper C08, “*The Role of a Facility Ethics Committee in Decision-Making at the End of Life*,” which currently references G00 and P97—policies that have been superseded by the 2024 MAID statement.

Board action requested: Permission to consider updating C08 to align with the current MAID statement, including removing references to P97 and G00 and incorporating the MAID statement.

Thank you,

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