

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The Government Affairs Committee provides strategic guidance, leadership, and recommendations on legislative, regulatory, and public policy matters affecting post-acute and long-term care medicine, clinicians, and the populations they serve. The Committee identifies, evaluates, and advises on emerging and ongoing federal policy issues and supports the development of advocacy priorities aligned with PALMed’s mission and strategic goals. The Committee provides recommendations to inform PALMed’s advocacy positions, policy initiatives, and engagement strategies related to issues including reimbursement, workforce, regulatory policy, and care delivery.</p>
<p>Ongoing Committee Activities / Committee Charges & Strategies</p>	<p>The committee undertakes the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for regulatory and legislative initiatives that support optimal care delivery in PALTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with PALMed staff to respond to Congressional and Agency Requests for Information (RFIs) on potential reforms • Develop and recommend multi-year federal advocacy priorities. Execute on these priorities once approved. • Provide guidance to PALMed staff on the agenda and key topics for the annual PALMed Advocacy Summit. Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend. • Provide guidance and support for ongoing engagement with CMS and state survey agencies. • Communicate with members about issues critical to PALTC • Strengthen the voice of clinicians in shaping policy and advance PALMed’s mission through strategic advocacy and informed policy leadership. • Serve as advocacy ambassadors for the organization to increase member engagement in policy, advocacy, and regulatory initiatives. • Assist with developing advocacy messages that are meaningful to members by providing guidance to staff as they develop communication messages to translate policy into a tangible impact.

Roles and Responsibilities	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help structure agenda for meetings. • In conjunction with the committee staff liaison, develop committee report for PALTmed Board (3x per year). • Run an effective meeting to ensure involvement of committee members and the advancement of activities and charges. • Communication with the Board liaison to share updates from the Committee and to hear about new Board initiatives. • Identify, mentor, and groom the next Chair of the Committee. • Assist with structure and selection of committee members. • Help address public policy related issues or topics and be a resource for committee members/PALTmed members at large regarding public policy related questions. <p>Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Committee Chair to ensure responsibilities are met in a timely manner. • Serve as interim Committee Chair in the absence of the Chair. • Recommend to the Governance Committee individuals to serve as the next Vice Chair. • Ascend to the position of Chair. <p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared and actively participate in all conference calls and meetings. • Work on projects as delegated by the Chair. • Adhere to PALTmed 's Conflict of Interest Policy
Workgroups and Other Committee Relationships	<p>State-based Advocacy Network, Coding and Payment Committee</p>
Expected Commitment	<p>The committee meets monthly with ad hoc meetings scheduled to respond to questions, concerns, and emerging issues in a timely and relevant manner. Committee members are expected to review all agenda/materials prior to each meeting, attend the conference calls as scheduled. Committee members are also expected to respond to action items communicated via email for time sensitive issues. The estimated monthly time commitment is 1-2 hours.</p>
Committee Composition	<p>The Government Affairs Committee is comprised of Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of the State-based Advocacy Network, Chair of the Coding and Payment Committee and up to 8 committee members.</p>
Committee Terms	<p>Term runs July through June.</p> <p>Committee members serve a term of two years, renewable for up to two terms. The Committee Chair and Vice Chair each serve a two-year term. The Vice Chair ascends to the position of Chair.</p>

Selection/ Appointment	Members are appointed by President with input from the Committee Chair. The Committee Vice Chair and committee members are approved by the President.
Committee Requirements	<p>Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express desire to serve with a special interest in public policy, payment, telemedicine, technology, and state advocacy. • Desire to advance the mission of PALTmed. • Ability to make the necessary time commitment. • Must be an Association member in good standing. • Must disclose all financial relationships on an annual basis. • Ability to attend and actively participate in conference calls. <p>Committee Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Chair should have previously served as the Committee Vice Chair. <p>Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Vice Chair should have previously served as a committee member.
Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Sing Palat, MD, CMD • Vice Chair, VACANT • Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kirsten Carr, MD, CMD (Member) ○ Wendy Grimes, LNFA, MSN (Member) ○ Sarah Howd (Member) ○ Andrea Justine Landi (Member) ○ Joanne Lynn, MD, MS (Advisory Member) ○ Asif Merchant, MD, FACP, CPE, CMD (Member) ○ Elizabeth (Adair) Moore, NP (Member) ○ Kenneth Scott, DO, CMD (Member) ○ Charles Semelka, MD, MS, CMD (Member) ○ Vicki Walker, MD, FAAFP, CMD (Member, Past Chair)
Staff Liaison(s)	Gaby Geise, Senior Manager, Public Policy & Advocacy
Board Liaison	Diane Sanders-Cepeda