

State-Based Advocacy Network Charter

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The PALTmed State-Based Advocacy Network serves as a member network dedicated to connecting and supporting members engaged in advocacy at the local, state, and regional levels to advance successful advocacy efforts aligned with PALTmed’s Strategic Plan. The Network exists to foster connection, information sharing, learning, and collaboration among members to strengthen advocacy capacity and promote coordinated action on priority policy issues affecting post-acute and long-term care medicine.</p>
<p>Topics/Activities</p>	<p>To fulfill its purpose, the State-Based Advocacy Network shall undertake the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster a community of PALTmed members engaged in, or interested in developing, advocacy at the local, state, and regional levels to promote connection, collaboration, and peer support. • Strengthen the knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of Network members through education, training, and shared learning opportunities focused on advocacy priorities, strategies, and emerging policy issues. • Identify, develop, and disseminate best practices and successful advocacy approaches to support information exchange and facilitate learning across the Network. • Collaborate with the Government Affairs Committee, Board of Directors, and staff to inform and advance key policy priorities aligned with PALTmed’s Strategic Plan. • Provide a mechanism for elevating emerging or urgent state policy issues to the PALTmed Government Affairs Committee for awareness, consideration, and potential action. • Dedicate meetings to member-led presentations highlighting successful advocacy initiatives, lessons learned, and replicable strategies. • Provide educational sessions focused on timely and relevant topics to strengthen member advocacy capacity. • Develop and submit recommendations to the Government Affairs Committee regarding policy issues as needed. • Attend the PALTmed Advocacy Summit held in the fall each year. • Help advance PALTmed’s mission and strengthen the voice of clinicians in shaping policy that improves care for the populations they serve.

<p>Roles and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure agenda for the meetings are distributed prior to the meeting. • Lead the meeting to ensure the purposes of the network are met. • In conjunction with the staff liaison, develop report for PALTmed Board (3x per year). • Communicate regularly with assigned PALTmed staff and PALTmed leadership. • Mentor, and groom the Vice Chair. • With the Vice Chair, PALTmed staff, and PALTmed leadership identify the next Vice Chair. • Assist with network’s structure and selection of its members. • In conjunction with PALTmed leadership create the network’s annual work plan. • Serve on the Government Affairs Committee. <p>Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Chair to ensure responsibilities are met in a timely manner. • Serve as interim Chair in the absence of the Chair. • With the Vice Chair, PALTmed staff, and PALTmed leadership identify the next Vice Chair • Ascend to the position of Chair. • Assist the Chair in meeting agendas, developing the Work Plans and chairing Work Groups as needed. • Chair the work group that is tracking progress of key legislation pertinent to the purposes of the network. <p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and actively participate in meetings. • Be familiar with the network’s work plan. • Meet obligations of any work groups or projects that member agreed to. • Be aware, track and inform network members of key legislation that is being considered in their state. • Read the State Advocacy Tool Kit found on the PALTmed website (https://paltmed.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/2025%20PALTmed%20State%20Advocacy%20Tool%20Kit.pdf)
<p>Expected Commitment</p>	<p>The network will meet on a monthly schedule. Members are expected to review pertinent materials prior to each meeting, attend the meetings as scheduled, and present the advocacy initiatives that they are working on, or have been successful in implementing. Members are also expected to receive training in advocacy through PALTmed’s various resources such as the annual conference, the Advocacy Summit, or the resources provided in PALTmed’s website (https://paltmed.org/policy-priorities-resources). The estimated monthly time commitment is 1-2 hours.</p>

Member Composition	The State-Based Advocacy Network is comprised of a chair, vice-chair, and members who also belong to their state or regional chapters. If a State or Region has a public policy committee, then it is expected that at least one member of that committee be recommended to PALTmed leadership to join the State-Based Advocacy Network. There is no limit to the number of people who can belong to this Network.
Terms	The Committee Chair and Vice Chair each serve a two-year term (beginning in July and ending in June). Network members serve a two (2) year term and are eligible for reappointment. Members must actively participate in calls and projects to be eligible for reappointment.
Selection/ Appointment	The Vice Chair is recommended by the current Chair and appointed by the President. The Vice Chair automatically ascends to the Chair position. Members may join at any time if they meet the Member Composition criteria.
Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Noah Marco, MD, CMD • Vice Chair:
Assigned PALTmed Staff	Gabriela Geise