

FMDA Resolution for AMDA's HoD

**Minimum Credentials for the Practice of
Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine**

- Whereas, the Long-Term Care (LTC) continuum is and has been the center of care for the frail and the elderly; and
- Whereas, the importance of quality and cost (Value-based Care) in the Long-Term Care continuum is increasingly being recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and medical providers; and
- Whereas, at many LTC facilities (e.g., Nursing Homes and/or Assisted Living), no credentials are necessary for a physician and/or non-physician practitioner to enter and provide potentially billable medical services and devices without regard to medical necessity; and
- Whereas, patients should be protected from services that may not be medically necessary, but have the potential to significantly compromise their quality of care; and
- Whereas, it is AMDA's goal to promote integrity and the highest quality of care to residents in the LTC continuum; therefore, be it
- Resolved, that a standard of minimum credentials shall be required to provide primary care and consultative services in a LTC facility, i.e., driver's license, proof of medical licensure, malpractice insurance, and DEA certificate.