

Requirement for supplemental Medical Director training

Whereas, it is well established that Physician Medical Directors in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PA/LTC) must possess an adequate fund of knowledge and unique skill set to optimally perform the functions and tasks mandated by this position; and

Whereas, there exists evidence based literature (JAMDA, 2009) demonstrating that the presence of a Medical Director with additional training (certified) improves care quality by approximately 15%; and

Whereas, in the past several years there has been an influx/migration of other specialties (e.g., Hospitalists) into the PA/LTC arena serving in the role of Medical Director, often without any formal supplemental training; and

Whereas, it is AMDA's fundamental goal to promote the highest quality of care to residents in the PA/LTC setting; therefore, be it

Resolved, that AMDA, the Society for PA/LTC Medicine supports potential individual State initiatives (e.g., Florida) to mandate additional training for Physicians to serve in the role of Medical Director.