Certified Medical Director (CMD) Certification Process

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The Certified Medical Director (CMD) credential is administered by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, Inc. (ABPLM)
ABPLM Mission Statement

- To recognize and advance physician leadership and excellence in medical direction and medical care throughout the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care continuum via certification, thereby enhancing quality of care.
Certified Medical Director, CMD

Process

- Requires specific training in the roles and responsibilities of the Medical Director
- Recognizes that there are both clinical and administrative roles of the profession
- Requires recertification every six years
Experience and Education Model where eligibility is documented via application

Currently no test, but there may be a secure exam required within the next 2-5 years
Eligibility Steps

Three Steps of Eligibility

- General
- Clinical
- Management
Certification Elements

- ACGME residency/fellowship
- State medical license in good standing
- ABMS or AOA board certification in primary specialty (optional)
- ABMS or AOA Certificate of Added Qualification in relevant subspecialty (optional)
- Clinical education relevant to PA/LTC
- Management and leadership education relevant to PA/LTC
- Practice experience in PA/LTC facilities or programs
Time Frame for Certification

- Completion of the Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care within the past 5 years
- Between 2-4 years of experience as a clinician in PA/LTC within the past 5 years
- Between 2-3 years of experience as a Medical Director in PA/LTC within the past 5 years
Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Long-Term Care

The required course for CMD certification is Divided into Three Parts:

1. **Online Core Curriculum**: On-demand presentations and assessments that participants can view online, covering the 22 critical areas impacting PALTC leadership and management.

2. **Faculty Forum**: 1 hour long, virtual opportunity to discuss the course material in real time with course faculty and how it applies to situations Medical Directors face every day.

3. **Core Synthesis**: A weekend program offered two times per year in either in-person and virtual formats, comprised of dynamic lectures, interactive role plays, case-based discussion, and small group breakouts.
Costs of Certification

- AMDA Society Membership $395 (optional)
- CMD Application review fee
  - $525 Society members
  - $625 non-members
Costs of Certification (cont.)

- Registration for Core Curriculum course (2021-2022)
  - Online, part 1
    | Member Price | $1,795 |
    | Non-Member Price | $1,995 |
  - Synthesis Weekend, part 2
    | Early Bird Rate Through April 28 | Regular Rate April 29 - June 30 | Late Rate July 1 - July 15 |
    | Member | $795 | $895 | $995 |
    | Non-Member | $1,095 | $1,195 | $1,295 |
Costs of Certification (cont.)

- Recertification application review fee
  - $400 Society members
  - $500 non-members
Actions organizations can take to enhance the role of their Medical Director

- Develop a clear job description of what you expect from your Medical Director
- Encourage the Medical Director to join AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and the local state chapter
- Consider funding attendance of the AMDA annual meeting
- Require the Certified Medical Director Course
- **Encourage your Medical Director to become a Certified Medical Director**