

Certified Medical Director (CMD) Certification Process

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American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM)

- ▶ 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



Certification Process (cont.)

- ▶ 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 \$410 (optional)
- ▶ CMD Application review fee
 - ▶ \$525 Society members
 - ▶ \$625 non-members



Costs of Certification (cont.)

- ▶ Registration for Core Curriculum course (2022)

- ▶ Online, part 1

Member Price	\$1,795
Non-Member Price	\$1,995

- ▶ Synthesis Weekend, part 2

	Early Bird Rate	Regular Rate	Late Rate
Member	\$795	\$895	\$995
NonMember	\$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**

