2014 Public Policy Priorities

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AMDA-Specific Issues

- **Regulatory Issues**
  - Advance the ability for post-acute and long-term care physicians & other clinicians to lead the patient-centered ‘virtual care team’
  - New models of payment (i.e. bundling, VBP) and how it works within the post-acute and long-term care setting
  - ACO exclusivity for post-acute and long-term care providers
  - HIT in post-acute and long-term care
  - Nursing home meaningful use/EHR
    - Electronic prescribing (eRx)
  - Quality initiatives (PQRS in post-acute and long-term care)
  - Conditions of Participation for nursing homes
  - Part D rule on scope of provider practice in post-acute/long-term care

- **Improving Dementia Care in Nursing Homes**
  - Monitor and advocate on legislation being advanced in the Congress
  - Monitor, give input on, and educate members about administrative activity
  - Work with stakeholder groups individually and in coalitions
  - Communicate with members about recent developments and opportunities for grassroots activity

- **Timely Access to Pain Medication**
  - Lead a stakeholder work group on the legislative solution
  - Monitor other legislative developments in this area

Coalition-Building Issues

- Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) reform and repeal
- Medical liability
- Payment/RUC
  - Annual physician fee schedule
  - Post-acute and long-term care billing and coding
- Infection control (HAIs)
- Geriatric workforce issues
- Medicare observation status/3 day stay legislation and regulations
  - Monitor and support legislation
  - Provide administrative comments on issue

Issues to Monitor

- Delivery system reforms: Monitor ACOs, nursing readmissions demonstration programs
- Assisted living
- QAPI final rule and implementation
- Health care reform implementation issues
- General practice issues
  - Support general physician’s issues through AMA and other coalition efforts