Columbia, MD - The American Medical Directors Certification Program (AMDCP) is now the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM). The newly renamed Board remains an affiliate organization of AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA), and will continue to administer the Certified Medical Directors (CMD) Program. ABPLM is the only organization to offer certification for medical directors in post-acute and long-term care (PA/LTC) medicine. Current CMD certification and recertification requirements remain the same and are unaffected by the name change.

The name change reflects 2014 changes to the ABPLM's mission, and recognizes the increasing prominence of post-acute care in the long-term care continuum. The ABPLM mission statement is "to recognize and advance physician leadership and excellence in medical direction and medical care throughout the PA/LTC continuum via certification, thereby enhancing quality of care." In 2013 AMDA finalized a set of attending physician competencies, with an evidence-based framework for the unique set of knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate quality outcomes in PA/LTC. An educational curriculum to support these competencies is currently being developed. Inspired by this, the ABPLM is exploring the creation of an additional certification program for attending physicians as another avenue to enhance quality of care in PA/LTC settings.

ABPLM Chair Thomas Edmondson, MD, CMD, AGSF, FACP, commented on the name change echoing other changes within the organization saying, “The Board feels that the new name honors our mission of promoting the professional development of attending physicians in the PA/LTC setting, and at the same time, the critical contributions of medical directors in facilities.”

AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing post-acute and long-term care medicine and committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. AMDA provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development to enable its members to deliver quality post-acute and long-term care.