



June 8, 2022

As required by California Legislation ([Assembly Bill No. 749](#)), all nursing home medical directors* in California must be certified by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long Term Care Medicine ([ABPLM](#)). AB 749 will help ensure that every medical director in California is prepared to provide effective oversight of quality and safety in their nursing homes. A medical director already employed in a skilled nursing facility as of January 1, 2022, has five years (until January 1, 2027) to become a Certified Medical Director. (*See [AB749](#) for complete details and exemptions.)

Initial Steps to Complete Certification of Medical Director (CMD)

Meet California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Licensing and Certification Program, requirement to submit form [HS 215A](#) by June 30, 2022.

- Facility Administrator and Medical Director should collaboratively complete [CDPH Form HS 215A](#); the facility is responsible for submitting the required documents to CDPH.
- Establish a timeline for Medical Director to complete CMD requirements as established by ABPLM.
- Join the national organization for Medical Directors, [The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine \(AMDA\)](#), to receive discounted rates for the ABPLM Core Curriculum.
- [Join the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine \(CALTCM\)](#) to stay up to date and fulfill CMD educational requirements within California by attending CALTCM's Annual Meeting, Leadership in Management in Geriatrics (LMG), and other educational courses.
- Enroll in ABPLM's [Online Core Curriculum](#), which is the first part of the Core Curriculum on Medical Direction in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Training Course. **Online curriculum must be completed within six months.** Comprised of 29.5 hours of online content, covering 22 critical areas impacting PALTC leadership and management.
- Contact ABPLM (cmd@paltc.org) to receive a letter documenting the medical director's certification status (e.g. has initiated the process, registered for the required Online Core Curriculum, etc.).

Finalize and submit CDPH Form HS 215A with additional documents

- Utilize [Cover Letter template](#) from CALTCM.
- Completed CDPH Form HS 215A.
- Medical Director résumé.
- Letter from ABPLM documenting medical director's certification status.
- Submit to CDPH Local District Office by June 30, 2022.** Locate your branch: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx>