

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 19: Physician-led Health-Care Teams
Origin: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, Education and training for physicians last between seven and 15 plus years with four years of undergraduate, four years of medical school, three to seven years of residency training, and additional years of continuing education to meet licensure requirements; and

WHEREAS, The American Medical Association (AMA) asserts that working as a physician-led team is the most effective way to maximize the skillsets of all health-care professionals; and

WHEREAS, Physician-led team-based care is in line with the AMA's long-term strategy of shaping innovative payment and delivery of care models, preparation of future physicians working in interprofessional teams and overall improvement of health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) strives to "provide veterans the world-class benefits and services they have earned — and to do so by adhering to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability, and stewardship," as stated in the VA's Vision Statement; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion demands the best, evidence-based practices and care for our nation's veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That The American Legion calls for the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to utilize the practice of physician-led teams, when appropriate, in VA's delivery of health-care services to veterans.