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## **AAPACN Promotes Amy Stewart to Chief Nursing Officer**

Denver, CO, Aug. 1, 2023 – The American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN), the largest professional association for nurses working in long-term and post-acute care, announces the promotion of Amy Stewart, MSN, RN, RAC-MT, DNS-MT, QCP-MT, RAC-MTA, to Chief Nursing Officer. In her new role, Stewart will be responsible for advancing the profession of skilled nursing and expanding AAPACN’s expertise across post-acute care.

“Because of Amy’s extensive post-acute care knowledge and relationship with industry stakeholders, she ensures that AAPACN’s education and content is developed and maintained in conjunction with current regulations and evidenced-base practice guidelines,” said AAPACN CEO and President, Tracey Moorhead. Since joining AAPACN in 2016 Stewart has overseen the expansion of AAPACN’s programs to include education and content for nurse leaders and other members of the IDT. “Amy is highly respected by our members and her expertise is highly valued by state and national associations, state and federal regulatory agencies, and healthcare media. Amy will continue to be the leading voice of skilled and post-acute care nurses and will have a title appropriate to her leadership,” said Moorhead.

As AAPACN’s Vice President of Education and Certification Strategy, Stewart participated on multiple Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Technical Expert Panels, served on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/CMS Crisis Standards of Care for LTC, and chaired the Coalition of Geriatric Nursing Organizations (CGNO). She is a frequent speaker at the national American Health Care Association (AHCA) convention, an AAPACN Master Teacher, and author of AAPACN’s *Director of Nursing-Certified (DNS-CT) Leadership and Business Essentials Manual*.

Prior to joining AAPACN, Stewart spent 25 years gaining leadership and reimbursement expertise working in various MDS, DON, and nurse consultant roles, most recently as the division director of case mix for Presence Life Connections. She continues to consult as a legal nurse for Hall, Prangle and Schoonveld, LLC, in Chicago, IL. Stewart earned her master’s degree in nursing and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

A champion for the role of RNs working in post-acute care settings, Stewart is passionate about life-long learning, professional development, and the wellbeing of LTC nurses. “I often describe my role at AAPACN as a nurse who gets to take care of other nurses,” explains Stewart. “Being able to help nurses grow into strong leaders is why I love what I do here. I am fortunate to have seen many nurses participate in our education and certification programs and become experts in the field.”

Working from her home office in Ely, MN, Stewart is an avid birdwatcher, wildlife enthusiast, Tik-Tok-er, and nature photographer.

#### About AAPACN

The [American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing](#) (AAPACN) represents more than 17,000 post-acute care nurses and professionals working in more than 5,175 facilities. Dedicated to supporting PAC nurses and healthcare professionals in providing quality care, AAPACN offers members best in-class education, certification, resources, and strong collaborative communities.

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