

# Dietitian/Nutritionist Policy Manual

eMedNY New York State Medicaid Provider  
Policy Manual

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## New York State Medicaid

Office of Health Insurance

Department of Health

### 1 Links and eMedNY Contacts:

#### 1.1 eMedNY URL

<https://www.emedny.org/>

#### 1.2 ePACES Reference Guide

[https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/PDFS/5010\\_ePACES\\_Professional\\_Real\\_Time\\_Claim\\_Reference\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/PDFS/5010_ePACES_Professional_Real_Time_Claim_Reference_Guide.pdf)

#### 1.3 eMedNY Contact Information

(800) 343-9000

eMedNY: Billing Questions, Remittance Clarification, Request for Claim Forms, ePACES Enrollment, Electronic Claim Submission Support (eXchange, FTP), Provider Enrollment, Requests for paper prior approval forms

[eMedNY Contacts PDF](#)

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## 3 Definitions

- 3.1 For the purposes of the Medicaid program and as used in this Manual, the following terms are defined:

**Dietetics and nutrition** are herein each defined as the integration and application of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food management and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain people's health.

**Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist** shall mean certified dietitian, certified dietician, or certified nutritionist per Title 8, Article 157 of the Education Law.

A **Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist** is one who engages in the integration and application of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food management and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain people's health, and who is certified as such by the department pursuant to section eight thousand four of this article. The primary function of a certified nutritionist or certified dietitian is the provision of **nutrition care services** that shall include:

- a. assessing nutrition needs and food patterns,
- b. planning for and directing the provision of food appropriate for physical and nutrition needs; and
- c. providing nutrition counseling.

## 4 Overview

- 4.1 NYS Medicaid will allow qualified dietitians/nutritionists to enroll and bill directly for medically necessary Medical Nutritional Therapy (MNT) provided to NYS Medicaid-eligible individuals. Dietitians/nutritionists must be certified in accordance with [NYS Education Law Article 157](#).
- 4.2 MNT services are preventative health services, and as such, must be recommended by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within their scope of practice under State law, to be eligible for NYS Medicaid reimbursement. Licensed practitioners of the healing arts may include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified dietitians/nutritionists, and other licensed practitioners able to determine and document medical necessity for MNT. Certified dietitians/nutritionists assess nutrition needs and food patterns, plan for and direct the provision of food appropriate for physical and dietary needs, provide nutrition counseling, such as advice on dietary changes, and plan menus and direct the preparation of food to meet dietary needs. A certified dietitian/nutritionist must be enrolled with the NYS Medicaid FFS program to receive NYS Medicaid

reimbursement for MNT provided to a NYS Medicaid FFS enrollee or to contract with MMC Plans to serve MMC enrollees.

## 5 Qualification Requirements

- 5.1 Qualified providers are those currently licensed and registered by the New York State Department of Education in accordance with Title 8, Article 157 of the Education Law, or licensed by the appropriate agency in the state in which they practice.

## 6 Provider Enrollment

- 6.1 A Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist must be enrolled with the NYS Medicaid FFS program to receive Medicaid reimbursement for nutrition services provided to a NYS Medicaid FFS or MMC member.

Certified Dietitians/Nutritionists providing services in an Article 28 facility must be enrolled in the NYS Medicaid FFS program as an Ordering/Prescribing/Referring/Attending (OPRA) provider and must be affiliated with the Article 28 facility for the facility to receive Medicaid reimbursement for nutrition services.

Provider enrollment information can be found at <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/>

### Revalidation of Enrollment

Medicaid providers must revalidate information provided at the time of enrollment every 5 years from either the enrollment effective date as specified in their Medicaid Welcome Letter, or the Last Date revalidation was completed as indicated in their Successful Completion of Revalidation Letter.

Additional information on Revalidation of Enrollment is available at <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/revalidation/>.

**NOTE:** Providers can save time and money by coordinating their NYS Medicaid FFS program revalidation with Medicare, another state's Medicaid program, or the Child Health Plus (CHP) program. If revalidation with the NYS Medicaid FFS program is within 12 months of Medicare, CHP, or another state's Medicaid program enrollment, then the NYS Medicaid FFS program's application fee may be waived.

Please see the following form to apply for this application fee exemption:

[https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/520101\\_Application\\_Fee\\_Exemption\\_Form.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/520101_Application_Fee_Exemption_Form.pdf)

**7 Scope of Practice/Services**

**7.1 Certified dietitians/nutritionists assess nutrition needs based on age, activity level, and special circumstances resulting from medical conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, food allergies, and obesity.**

They assess nutrition needs and food patterns, plan for and direct the provision of food appropriate for physical and dietary needs, provide nutrition counseling, such as advice on dietary changes, and plan menus and direct the preparation of food to meet dietary needs.

**8 Billing Guidance**

8.1 Procedure Codes Used for Reporting Services on Medicaid FFS claims

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Unit Description	Unit Price
97802	Medical Nutritional Therapy; Initial Assessment and Intervention, Individual	each 15 Minutes	\$25.04
97803	Medical Nutritional Therapy; Re-Assessment and Intervention, Individual	each 15 Minutes	\$21.74
97804	Medical Nutritional Therapy; Group (2 or more individual(s))	each 30 Minutes	\$11.50

**Note:** Other codes not specific to nutrition services are also available, such as:

T1013 Sign Language or oral interpreter services, per 15 minutes.