



1           WHEREAS, the 2014 rule issued by CMS provides that hospitals shall have the  
2 authority to determine which health professionals within their facilities will be privileged  
3 to order diets independently; and

4           WHEREAS, provisions of Title 46 and Title 48 of the Louisiana Administrative  
5 Code address nutritional needs of patients and menu preparations which are appropriate for  
6 such patients and groups of patients; and

7           WHEREAS, Louisiana's population has one of the nation's highest incidence rates  
8 per capita of diabetes, obesity, and several other chronic diseases related to poor nutrition;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, amending state regulations to comport with current federal regulations  
11 relative to dietitian nutritionists could improve the efficiency and efficacy of nutritional care  
12 in Louisiana with the added benefit of achieving cost savings in the state's Medicaid  
13 program.

14          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and  
16 Hospitals to review Title 46 and Title 48 of the Louisiana Administrative Code relative to  
17 professional and occupational standards and to public health, respectively, for consistency  
18 with applicable federal regulations concerning dietitian nutritionists.

19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals shall  
20 promulgate any rules which may be necessary to conform state regulations relative to  
21 dietitian nutritionists with federal regulations for that profession, and shall submit such rules  
22 to the legislative committees on health and welfare for review in accordance with the  
23 Administrative Procedure Act.

24          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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**DIGEST**

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Requests the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to review present administrative code for consistency with applicable federal regulations concerning dietitian nutritionists and to promulgate any rules which may be necessary to conform state regulations relative to dietitian nutritionists with federal regulations for that profession.