
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a licensed dietitian or nutritionist to directly order dietary plans for patients and to request laboratory tests for monitoring the effectiveness of dietary plans.

Present law authorizes a licensed dietitian or nutritionist to assess nutritional needs and recommend a dietary plan to the patient's primary healthcare provider.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes a licensed dietitian or nutritionist employed by a healthcare facility licensed by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to directly order the dietary plan and appropriate laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of the dietary plan subject to the approval of and authorization by the licensed healthcare facility's medical staff or bylaws.

(Amends R.S. 37:3083(1)(f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Restore present law.
2. Limit the authority to directly order the dietary plan and laboratory tests to dietitians and nutritionists employed by a healthcare facility licensed by DHH subject to approval of the facility.
3. Make technical changes.