

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

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DIETITIANS: Provides relative to the delivery of nutrition services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3083(1)(a), relative to nutrition services; to authorize a
3 licensed dietitian or nutritionist to directly order dietary plans; to authorize a licensed
4 dietitian or nutritionist to directly request laboratory tests; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:3083(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3083. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (1) "Dietetics/nutrition practice" means the integration and application of
11 principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, physiology,
12 management, behavioral, and social sciences to achieve and maintain client health
13 through the provision of nutrition care services, which shall include:

14 (a) Assessing the nutritional needs of individuals and groups based upon
15 appropriate biochemical, anthropometric, physical, and dietary data to determine
16 nutrient needs and ~~recommend to the primary health care provider~~ ordering
17 appropriate nutritional intake including enteral and parenteral nutrition or appropriate
18 laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of dietary plans and orders, regardless
19 of setting.

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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 authorizes the licensed dietitian or nutritionist to directly order the dietary plan and adds authorization for the dietitian or nutritionist to order appropriate laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of the dietary plan.

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