

# REIMBURSEMENT AND POLICY HOUR

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## DDPG PAYMENT AND POLICY TEAM 2024-2025

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# LICENSURE UPDATE

- **Tennessee joins Alabama and Nebraska in licensure compact**
- **Follow for updates at <https://dietitianscompact.org/>**

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## FNCE® 2024 WORKSHOP ON PAYMENT



### Maximize Payments and Scale Success: Sustainable Growth Strategies for RDN Private Practice

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CPEU: 3.0

Member Price: \$195 | Nonmember Price: \$225

**Description:** Private practice grants RDNs a chance to become trusted health leaders in their communities during a time when individuals are frequently connected to inaccurate information. As the current healthcare environment is complex, it can be increasingly challenging to navigate the sometimes ambiguous, rapidly evolving healthcare climate. Registered dietitian nutritionist entrepreneurs need to be agile and ready to utilize their unique skills to offer nutrition solutions in innovative and diverse ways. Whether having just started a new practice or looking to expand, understanding the current landscape, and leveraging skills will strengthen their practice's foundation for longevity, support diverse funding streams, and allow them to flourish. Attendees will learn key skills that allow them to be collaborative business and health systems thinkers, create innovative partnerships, and merge nutrition expertise with new technologies.

Participants will analyze how these skills impact three key areas: 1) the intersection of traditional care settings and telehealth, 2) sustainable staffing models in the various care settings (telehealth only, brick and mortar, PCP office, etc.), and 3) maximizing growth opportunities via provider relationships and value-based care. Engage with industry experts and dive deep into hands-on roundtable strategy sessions, crafting targeted plans for sustainable growth.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Create a targeted business strategy plan centered around at least one key area of focus.
- Describe at least two ways to build innovative partnerships.
- Explain at least three business considerations based on practice location.

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## DDPG FNCE® WORKSHOP



### Revolutionizing Medical Nutrition Therapy: The Vital Role of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Diabetes Care

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: noon - 2 p.m.

CPEU: 2.0

Member Price: \$150 | Nonmember Price: \$180

**Description:** Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) has emerged as a valuable tool for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in working with clients who have diabetes. The data from CGM not only informs the person living with diabetes but it can also guide the dietitian in personalizing dietary recommendations.

This interactive workshop will empower participants with the knowledge and skills they need to utilize CGM in practice. Through hands-on experience with CGM systems, you'll elevate your skills beyond traditional glucose monitoring, unlocking new avenues for client support. Practical tips and tools for using CGM will be provided for maximizing its use in practice including how to review, interpret, and share the information displayed in the reports. Engage in interactive case studies, where real-time data enables you to identify trends and glycemic variability, informing targeted diabetes nutrition strategies. Through discussion, hands-on participation, and even the option to wear a CGM yourself, participants will leave this FNCE® workshop with confidence to integrate CGM within their practice and provide client-centered diabetes care recommendations.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the use of CGM and options available for people with diabetes.
- Explain the ways that RDNs can utilize CGM in their practice.
- Analyze CGM reports and understand key CGM metrics and make nutrition recommendations during case study review.

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## OTHER DDPG EVENTS AT FNCE® PLANNED:

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 07:00 AM - 08:00 AM CT

### [Sunrise Stretch & Social with Diabetes & CV-Well DPGs](#)

**Sponsored by: Almond Board of California**

The event is free and open to CV-Well and Diabetes DPG Members, registration is required.

Minneapolis, MN, United States

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

### [Diabetes DPG Awards & Membership Reception](#)

**Sponsored by: Kate Farms**

The event is free and open to Diabetes DPG Members, registration is required.

Minneapolis, MN, United States

DDPG's spotlight session "From Preconception to Menopause: The Role of the RDN in Minimizing Cardiovascular Risk in Individuals with Diabetes" with Gretchen Benson, RDN, CDCES, and Amanda Kirpitch, MA, RDN, CDN, CDCES

More details available at <https://www.diabetesdpg.org/ddpg-events/fnce>

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## ACTION ALERTS – MNT ACT

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### Expand Medicare MNT Coverage

Senators Susan Collins (Maine) and Gary Peters (Mich.) and Representatives Robin Kelly (Ill.) and Jen Kiggans (Virginia) recently introduced the **Medical Nutrition Therapy Act (H.R. 6407/S. 3297)**, which would expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy (MNT) in Medicare Part B beyond diabetes and renal disease to include:

- Prediabetes;
- Obesity;
- Hypertension;
- Dyslipidemia;
- Malnutrition;
- Eating disorders;
- Cancer;
- Gastrointestinal diseases including celiac disease;
- HIV/AIDS;
- Cardiovascular disease; and
- Any disease related to unintentional weight loss.

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## ACTION ALERTS – PROTECT NUTRITION SECURITY IN FARM BILL LEGISLATION

[HTTPS://WWW.VOTERVE.  
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S/117433/RESPOND](https://www.voterve.net/eatright/1/campaign/S/117433/RESPOND)

**Protect Nutrition Security in Farm Bill Legislation**

Urging your Members of Congress to advance a Farm Bill that supports nutrition security and improved health for all, nutrition education, research, and a healthful and sustainable food system. The Senate version introduced by Sen. Stabenow (Michigan) protects these important issues. The House version of the Farm Bill, H.R. 8467 proposes eliminating future Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) benefit adjustments, requiring any updates to be "cost neutral". It has been estimated that efforts to cut the Thrifty Food Plan will cut SNAP benefits by approximately \$30 billion over the next decade despite alarming rates of hunger.

Congress must reject any harmful proposals that put our nation's health and well-being at risk. Historically, the Farm Bill has been a bipartisan effort which has prioritized improving the lives of millions of households struggling to get the nutrition they need.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is committed to improving health for all, especially those most susceptible to and experiencing food insecurity and health inequities. The Academy's main Farm Bill recommendations are:

- Support nutrition security and health equity: improve access to healthful and culturally appropriate foods and resources to prepare them.
- Create a diverse workforce and ensure sound science and program evaluation for future evidence-based decision-making that is grounded in promoting health equity.
- Support initiatives that foster a healthful and sustainable food system.

**Compose Your Message**

• 350 Representative

**Subject**

Oppose H.R. 8467: The Farm, Food and Nutrition

**Message Body**

As your constituent, I urge you to oppose H.R. 8467: The Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2024.

The current version of the Farm Bill.

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## ACADEMY OFFICE HOURS FOR LICENSURE, PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT

- Office Hours for both licensure and payment and reimbursement are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month
- Licensure Office Hours 2-3 p.m EST
  - <https://eatright-org.zoom.us/j/81546312806?pwd=YU5MVjZpYlgrVdOeE5KcnU2eWhzd09#success>
- Payment and Reimbursement Office Hours 3-4 p.m EST
  - <https://eatright-org.zoom.us/j/85419209505?pwd=UWMrdGU5NVdFR0E3bXNuVE83K2dBTQ09#success>
- No registration is required for either office hours, simply use the links to join at the time of the meeting.

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## ACADEMY RESOURCES

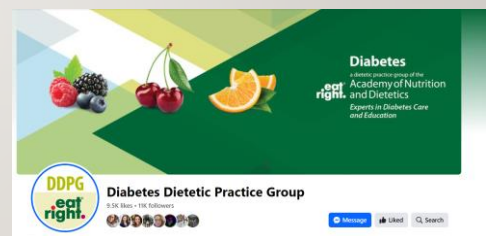
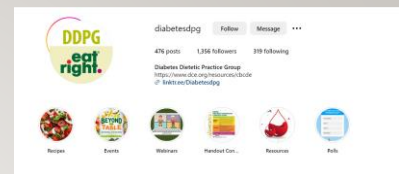
- MNT provider newsletter: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/career/payment/medical-nutrition-therapy/mnt-provider>
- **New Credentialing and Billing Resource:** <https://bit.ly/3Zwp1bs>
  - A comprehensive guide designed to assist Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) in navigating the intricacies of becoming a credentialed provider and coding and billing for Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) within a fee-for-service payment model has been released.
    - What's Included:
      - Practice Management
      - Credentialing and Contracting
      - Step-by-Step Instructions
      - Updated Practice Resources



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## STAY CONNECTED!

- E-blasts
- Discussion board: [www.diabetesdpg.org/ddpg-benefits/ddpg-discussion](http://www.diabetesdpg.org/ddpg-benefits/ddpg-discussion)
- Social Media:
  - Instagram: @diabetesdpg
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DiabetesDPG](http://www.facebook.com/DiabetesDPG)
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# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION