

Chapter 11

Section 3.15

Nutritionist

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1.0 ISSUE

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2.0 POLICY

2.1 A nutritionist **must be licensed by the State in which the care is provided and must be under the supervision of a physician who is overseeing the episode of treatment or the covered program of services.**

2.2 **Effective May 25, 2011, a nutritionist** may provide Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) via an accredited DSMT program when the nutritionist:

2.2.1 Has received at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university;

2.2.2 Is licensed by the State in which the care is provided; and

2.2.3 Is under the supervision of a physician who is overseeing the DSMT program.

2.3 **Effective December 23, 2017, a nutritionist may provide medical nutritional therapy (also referred to as medical nutritional counseling) required in the administration of the medically necessary foods, services and supplies, and medically necessary vitamins authorized in [Chapter 8, Section 7.2](#), or when medically necessary for other authorized covered services.**

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