

Telephone Orders - Sample Policy for Ohio

Policy:

A resident's attending physician may delegate the task of writing dietary orders, including a therapeutic diet (consistent with F 808 §483.60 in long term care and A-0630 §482,28 in hospitals), to a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional who:

- Is acting within the scope of practice as defined by State law; and
- Is under the supervision of the physician.
- "The licensee shall adhere to acceptable standards for that licensee's area of practice and be designated to deliver services as approved by their facility."
- "The authority and privilege to practice within the scope shall be consistent with the standards of practice of the 'Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' and other regulatory agencies such as, but not limited to, the "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" (CMS) guidelines as published in the Federal Register" (from Ohio Dietetics Licensure Law).

Procedure:

1. The licensee shall adhere to acceptable standards for that licensee's area of practice and be designated to deliver services as approved by their facility.
2. "The authority and privilege to practice within the scope shall be consistent with the standards of practice of the 'Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' and other regulatory agencies such as, but not limited to, the "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" (CMS) guidelines as published in the Federal Register" (from Ohio Dietetics Licensure Law).
3. The physician must supervise the dietitian, and remains responsible for the resident's care even if the task is delegated.
4. The physician is able to modify a diet order with a subsequent order, if necessary.

References:

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3. State Operations Manual. Appendix A - Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals. Rev. 176, 12-29-17. https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_a_hospitals.pdf. Accessed May 18, 2018.
4. State Operations Manual Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities Table. Rev. 173, 11-22-17. https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_pp_guidelines_ltcf.pdf. Accessed May 18, 2018.

Resources

1. PRACTICE TIPS: Hospital Regulation - Ordering Privileges for the RDN. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/eatrightpro-files/advocacy/practicetips-hospitalregulationorderingprivilegesfortherdn.pdf?la=en&hash=3271A0D715E0BCD7A79F5EB3AE20D9FD68CB67E2&utm_source=CDR%20Connection%E2%80%94April%E2%80%93May%20%202018&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CDR%20Connection. Accessed May 18, 2018.
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3. PRACTICE TIPS: Reform Requirements for RDNs and NDTRs in Long Term Care Facilities. https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/eatrightpro-files/practice/quality-management/quality-care-basics/practicetipsreformrequirementsltcfacilities.pdf?la=en&hash=FF0628BA2C4E5E0655B6A3C0784D3B43BCAD5A35&utm_source=CDR%20Connection%E2%80%94April%E2%80%93May%20%202018&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CDR%20Connection. Accessed May 18, 2018.

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By delegation of the attending physician, the Clinically Qualified Nutrition Professional, including the Registered, Licensed Dietitian (RDN) or Licensed Dietitian, may order, clarify, and or change diet orders. This includes general diets, consistency altered diets, therapeutic diets, fortified foods, oral nutrition supplements, and enteral nutrition. The delegating physician remains responsible for the resident's care, and may modify a diet order with a subsequent order.

Title	Signature	Date
Medical Director		
Attending Physician		
Administrator		
Director of Nursing		
Registered Dietitian Nutritionist		