

Dear Ms. Schiefer:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback regarding the review of the scope of practice for Registered Dietitians (RD).

As a clinical RD in Mental Health and Addictions I personally see the proposed changes as a step forward in improving the quality of care Registered Dietitians provide clients. In my area of practice, there may be weeks before MDs can confirm a diagnose with a client. This in turn prevents me from giving the best health care for this client which in turn can cause more harm to them.

I work with clients who are at high risk for diabetes, dyslipidemia, malnutrition, etc. Delaying giving clients the information they need only helps to increase the risk of health problems. My population of clients learn differently then the general population. The inter-professional collaboration of team members is what helps to increase the percentage of a positive outcome for our clients.

Thank you,

Regards,

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