

## Medical Nutrition Therapy 2009-2010

**Definition of Service:** Therapy is provided by a licensed registered dietitian outside of a primary care visit and includes the provision of nutritional supplements. Medical nutrition therapy provided by someone other than a licensed/registered dietitian should be recorded under psychosocial support services. (HRSA definition)

**Objectives for Services:**

- Provide medical nutrition to meet the individual needs of a persons with HIV infection.
- Provide nutrition education to increase client’s knowledge of health food choices.
- Provide licensed/registered dietitian oversight of nutritional needs.

STANDARD	MEASURE
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<b>Service Standards:</b>	
The client’s eligibility for Ryan White Part B services is determined or is in process of determination before services are initiated.	Documentation of the client’s eligibility or that the eligibility process has been initiated is present in the client’s record.
A referral by a Ryan White Part B provider is made for initiation of medical nutrition therapy services.	Documentation of the referral or completed referral form is present in the client’s record.
<b>Evaluation:</b>	
An initial nutrition evaluation must be conducted by a licensed registered dietitian prior to the initiation of any treatment.	Documentation of the completed initial evaluation is present in the client’s record, signed and dated by a licensed registered dietitian.

<b>Individualized Nutrition Plan:</b>	
An individualized nutritional plan (INP) will be developed <b>within 30 days</b> of assessment by the licensed registered dietitian with the client. The INP should include education of the client of nutritionally appropriate and safe food.	A copy of the individualized nutritional plan (INP) <b>within 30 days</b> of assessment is present in the client's record, signed and dated by the client and the dietitian.
The licensed registered dietitian, the client and their case management will communicate with each other to assure that the INP can be carried out.	Documentation will be present in the client's record that communication with the client, dietitian, and case manager occurs as needed.
<b>Referrals:</b>	
Clients will be referred to case management services or other support services with outcomes tracked if possible.	Documentation of referrals with outcomes will present in the client's record, signed and dated.
<b>Reassessment:</b>	
Reassessment of the INP in collaboration with the client and dietitian occurs a <b>minimum of every 6 months</b> .	A copy of the reassessment of the INP will be present in the client's record, signed and dated by the client and the dietitian.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	
The registered dietitian will hold current licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia.	Documentation of dietitian's current licensure is present in the personnel file and available for review.
<b>Annual Training:</b>	
All registered dietitians must complete 2 hours of continuing education related to HIV/AIDS treatment or care annually.	Documentation of the 2 hours of continuing education related to HIV is present in the registered dietitian's personnel file and available for review.