

## **REIMBURSEMENT TEAM MEMBER**

This position is an appointed position and serves two years. Reimbursement Team members support and report to the Reimbursement Chair.

The primary purpose of the Reimbursement Team is to:

- Respond to Oregon Academy members who have questions about coding and coverage, utilization or reimbursement issues.
- Facilitate use of Academy coding and coverage resources and coordinate local advocacy efforts to expand federal and state nutrition coverage policies.

### **Length of service:**

- Two (2) years (with an option for re-appointment)
- Expected time commitment: 2-3 hours per month

### **Qualifications:**

- Member of the Oregon Academy and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in the Active, Life or Retired category.
- Has an understanding of Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) coverage and billing for Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance payers.
- Has at least two years of experience in a private practice or outpatient facility setting that includes coding and billing for MNT services.
- Is able to attend Academy-sponsored conference calls and/or webinars related to reimbursement.

### **Requirements:**

- Basic understanding of Medicare Part B and Medicaid Medical Nutrition Therapy benefit rules and regulations.
- Familiar with state Medicaid nutrition policies and private insurance coverage policies for RDs.
- Familiar with Academy practice tools and advocacy resources (e.g. Academy Evidence-Based Nutrition Practice Guidelines and Toolkits, MNT Works Kit, Academy Nutrition Care Process and Model).
- Able to participate in Academy sponsored teleseminars to discuss MNT coverage policies and other code and coverage activities that impact Academy members.
- Able to participate in the Academy Reimbursement Community of Interest.

**Responsibilities:**

- Monitor and share MNT coverage and Medicare Part B MNT benefit information with Reimbursement Chair.
- Locate and share federal, state and private insurance code and coverage resources.
- Assist in providing content for website updates and *Just a Taste* e-newsletter content related to reimbursement.
- Participate in Academy health care reform education and training.
- Collect information on local third-party payer policies to be included in an Academy member-only database.
- Support coding and coverage issues on the local level; helping to advance members' coverage activities with third party payers or other decision makers.

**Reporting duties:**

- Reports to the Reimbursement Chair.
- Working under the Reimbursement Chair, coordinates initiatives with the policy team.

Resources for position: During the Reimbursement Team member's term, the Academy's Nutrition Services Coverage Team will provide quarterly e-mail updates, newsletter articles, and other materials of interest. Reimbursement Team members are encouraged to access the following:

Academy's Medicare MNT page: [www.eatright.org/mnt](http://www.eatright.org/mnt)

Academy's Coding, Coverage and Compliance page: [www.eatright.org/coverage](http://www.eatright.org/coverage)

Academy's Evidence Analysis Library and the Academy's Evidence-Based Nutrition Practice Guideline Toolkits: [www.adaevidencelibrary.com/](http://www.adaevidencelibrary.com/)

\*MNT Works Kit: The Kit is a marketing tool that can be used during meetings and presentations to local third- party payers, employer groups and hospital finance and billing departments to expand MNT coverage. [www.eatright.org/coverage](http://www.eatright.org/coverage).

\*Reimbursement Community of Interest: The NSC team manages an online tool for members to exchange information and discuss reimbursement topics. Go to <https://www.eatrightpro.org/reimbursment> to sign up.

\*Third party payer brochure: This includes key information on the impact of Medical Nutrition Therapy provided by RDNs. This can be shared with health care plans. [https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/eatrightpro-files/practice/coverage/third-party\\_payer\\_brochure.pdf?la=en&hash=E7FD3D1C72F43C181BDCF9F17AB8CEC6BDF1EDD1](https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/eatrightpro-files/practice/coverage/third-party_payer_brochure.pdf?la=en&hash=E7FD3D1C72F43C181BDCF9F17AB8CEC6BDF1EDD1)

The MNT Provider newsletter is a free resource for all Academy members. It has information on Medicare, private insurance, practice management and more. <https://www.eatrightpro.org/news-center/in-practice/mnt-provider>