

ADA Coding and Coverage Committee  
Working for You, and  
Medicare Billing in your Professional Life

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# Session Objectives

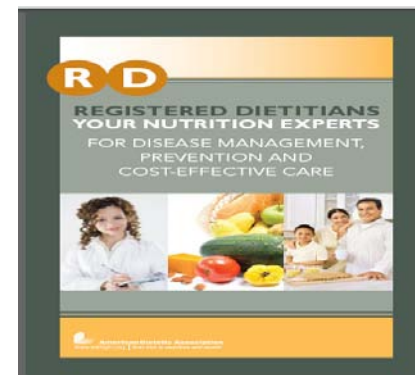
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- Recognize the ADA's Coding and Coverage Committee's advocacy efforts for RD-provided nutrition services
- Recognize affiliate resources for policy activities
- Review RD opportunities within Medicare Part B



- Conducts research to study RD Coding Practices and Patterns of Code Use  
(July 2008 Journal, Volume 108 Number 7;  
2008 survey to be printed in 2010 in the Journal)
- Offers training and CPE on codes and coverage
  - “Cracking the Code” web presentation at [www.eatright.org/coverage](http://www.eatright.org/coverage)

- MNT and RD Effectiveness Data  
[www.adaevidencelibrary.com](http://www.adaevidencelibrary.com)
- Advocacy Resources
  - MNT Works Kits
  - RD brochure
  - Diabetes White Paper and Policy
    - ADA Diabetes Coverage Policy Statement (April 2009)
    - ADA Diabetes White Paper (October 2008)  
(accessible from [www.eatright.org/coverage](http://www.eatright.org/coverage))



- Monitors Medicare fee schedule and work with CMS regarding Medicare MNT RD services.



**Outcome: Three increases in payment to RD Medicare providers. Offset significant reductions in Medicare payments in 2010.**

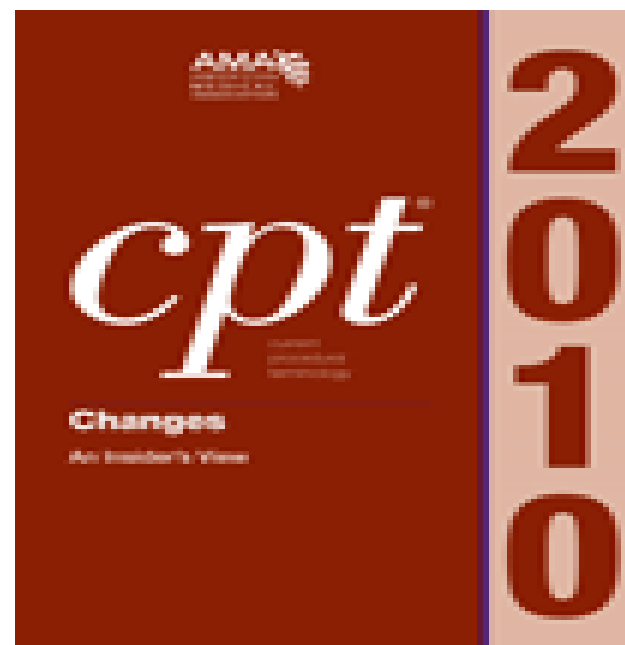
**For RD Medicare information, go to:**  
[www.eatright.org/mnt](http://www.eatright.org/mnt).

- Collaborates with external groups, e.g. Alliance for a Healthier Generation, to increase MNT coverage provided by RDs ([www.eatright.org/alliance/](http://www.eatright.org/alliance/)).
- **Outcome: Increased referrals to RDs, and RD reimbursement for MNT services for obese/overweight children**



- RD representation at AMA coding meetings, committee members Jane White, Milton Stokes and Keith Ayooob advocate for RDs and RD services.

**Outcome: New codes for billing RD services; physician recognition and increased referrals to RDs**





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## Coding, Coverage and Compliance

### THE BASICS

- DSMT Recognized Program Information
- Join the Reimbursement Community of Interest
- Codes for Nutrition Services
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Compliance and HIPAA

### NEWS & EVENTS

View timely information and ADA planned sessions.

- Alliance Healthcare Initiative Taped Presentation Date: May 20, 2009
- ADA Diabetes Coverage Policy Statement (April 2009)
- Childhood Obesity Initiative — New Coverage for RDs
- Cracking the Code: Billing Potential Beyond Medical Nutrition Therapy New Presentation!
- ADA Diabetes White Paper (Oct. 2008)
- MNT Works Kits

### PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

- CAM and Discount Programs for Nutrition Services
- Referral Requirements
- Weight Management Reimbursement
- Expanding Coverage
- Effectiveness Data
- Coverage for Nutrition Services
- Billing Resources
- Claims Disputes

### CODING AND COVERAGE COMMITTEE

The ADA Coding and Coverage Committee provides oversight and strategic directives for the development, maintenance and communication of nutrition services codes.

- Coding and Coverage Committee Spring 2009 Report (PDF version)
- Learn More About the Coding Committee
- Coding and Coverage Committee Charge



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## MNT (Medicare)

Medical Nutrition Therapy is an essential component of comprehensive health care. Individuals with a variety of conditions and illnesses can improve their health and quality of life by receiving medical nutrition therapy.

### THE BASICS

An overall guide to MNT, DSMT and nutrition education.

- MNT vs. Nutrition Education
- Glossary of Health Care Terms

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- Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) Webinar Date: August 12, 2009
- ADA Comments on Medicare Fee Schedule (Proposed Rule)
- Medicare Teleseminar Date: June 5, 2009
- Medicare MNT Legislative Update

### MEDICARE MNT

Medicare Part B covers medical nutrition therapy for diabetes and renal disease. Learn how to enroll and get reimbursed.

- Become a Provider
- Providing the Service and Billing
- Diabetes Resources
- CMS Notices and Regulations
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD)
- Inpatient Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGs)
- Telehealth
- Medicare Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
- Medicare Advantage
- MNT Provider Publications and CD Roms
- Physician Outreach
- Consumer Resources



# Healthcare Reform in Iowa

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Affiliates will have an important role in helping to share local health care reform policies.

Now is the time to have a presence at meetings with other healthcare professionals, decision makers etc.

# Coding & Coverage Leaders- Iowa Reimbursement Representative

- Affiliate reimbursement representatives (Monica Lursen) assists RDs to find resources on local coverage and coding issues; may be involved in outreach to payers to expand coverage

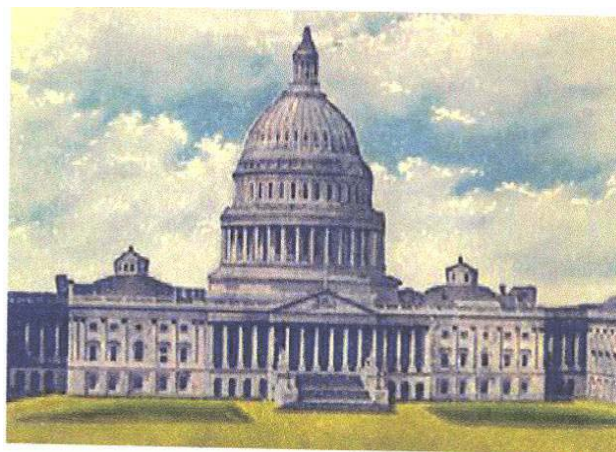




# Iowa Public Policy Representative

- Affiliate Public Policy Representative- Anne Tabor:

Anne serves as key connection/conduit between ADA government relations and grassroots leaders on ADA public policy stances and processes





# Affiliate State Policy Representative

Affiliate State Policy Representative (SPR)- Jill Lange:

Important areas of work include:

- Licensure/scope of practice;
- State regulation of practice and facilities;
- Medicaid or private sector reimbursement;
- Public health opportunities
- Wellness, disease management, food safety and other health initiatives;
- PR/communications



Payment for MNT for multiple visits

Maintain or expand staff (FTEs)

Business opportunities

Recognition within healthcare marketplace

Pay for performance (bonus)





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