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**HOUSE BILL 25-1220**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY,**  
102      **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates the state board of dietetics and nutrition (board) under the supervision and control of the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies. On and after September 1, 2026, an individual is prohibited from engaging in or offering to provide medical nutrition therapy unless the individual is licensed by the board. The board is authorized to license dietitians and

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nutritionists if they meet the requirements specified by the bill and the rules adopted by the board pursuant to the bill.

An individual who desires to practice as a dietitian must file with the board:

- An application for a license;
- Proof of completion of educational requirements and supervised practice experience; and
- Proof of compliance with examination requirements or proof of holding a valid current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

An individual who desires to practice as a nutritionist must file with the board:

- An application for a license;
- Proof of completion of educational requirements and supervised practice experience; and
- Proof of compliance with examination requirements.

On or after September 1, 2026, but before September 1, 2028, the board may waive the examination requirement and may grant a nutritionist license to an applicant who meets specified criteria.

The board may deny or refuse to renew a license, suspend or revoke a license, or impose probationary conditions on a license. The board may also issue warnings or reprimands where the licensee or applicant for licensure has engaged in specified grounds for discipline or unprofessional conduct.

The board may issue a provisional license to practice as a dietitian or a nutritionist upon the filing of an application with the appropriate fees, submission of evidence of successful completion of the educational and supervised practice requirements, and submission of evidence that the individual has applied to take the required licensing examination.

The bill exempts specified individuals from the licensing requirements established by the bill.

An individual who practices or offers or attempts to practice as a dietitian or nutritionist without being licensed pursuant to the bill and who is not exempted from licensure commits a class 2 misdemeanor.

The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill.

The bill is scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2035. Before the repeal, the functions of the board in regulating dietitians and nutritionists are scheduled for review in accordance with the sunset law.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 223 to  
3 title 12 as follows:

1 **ARTICLE 223**

2 **Dietitians and Nutritionists**

3 **12-223-101. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE 223 IS  
4 THE "DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE ACT".

5 **12-223-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY IS ESSENTIAL  
8 TO PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF  
9 THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO. THE ABSENCE OF LICENSURE AND REGULATION  
10 FOR INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN THIS PRACTICE HAS RESULTED IN  
11 SIGNIFICANT RISKS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CARE BY UNQUALIFIED  
12 PRACTITIONERS, INEQUITABLE ACCESS TO CRUCIAL NUTRITION SERVICES  
13 IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND INEFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF  
14 REGISTERED DIETITIANS IN HEALTH-CARE SETTINGS.

15 (b) TO MITIGATE THESE RISKS AND ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF SAFE,  
16 HIGH-QUALITY NUTRITION CARE, IT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A  
17 LICENSURE FRAMEWORK THAT FORMALLY RECOGNIZES AND REGULATES  
18 THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY. THIS FRAMEWORK WILL  
19 PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM HARM, INCREASE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL CARE,  
20 FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL DIETITIAN LICENSURE  
21 COMPACT, AND ENABLE COLORADO TO ALIGN WITH NATIONAL  
22 STANDARDS, THEREBY EXPANDING THE WORKFORCE OF QUALIFIED  
23 PRACTITIONERS AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS ACROSS THE  
24 STATE.

25 (c) THIS LICENSURE PROGRAM IS NARROWLY TAILORED TO  
26 REGULATE ONLY THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY WHILE  
27 EXPLICITLY PRESERVING THE ABILITY OF OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND

1 INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE GENERAL NUTRITION GUIDANCE AND WELLNESS  
2 SERVICES. THROUGH THIS ACTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMS  
3 ITS COMMITMENT TO ENSURING EQUITABLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH  
4 CARE AS WELL AS THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL COLORADANS.

5 **12-223-103. Applicability of common provisions.** ARTICLES 1,  
6 20, AND 30 OF THIS TITLE 12 APPLY, ACCORDING TO THEIR TERMS, TO THIS  
7 ARTICLE 223.

8 **12-223-104. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 223, UNLESS  
9 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE DIETETICS AND  
11 NUTRITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 12-223-106.

12 (2) "DEGREE" MEANS A DEGREE RECEIVED FROM A COLLEGE OR  
13 UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED BY THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES  
14 REGIONALLY ACCREDITED BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR  
15 HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AND THE UNITED STATES  
16 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE TIME THE DEGREE WAS RECEIVED OR  
17 A VALIDATED INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT.

18 (3) "DIETETICS" MEANS THE INTEGRATION AND APPLICATION OF  
19 SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES DERIVED FROM THE STUDY OF FOOD, NUTRITION,  
20 BIOCHEMISTRY, METABOLISM, NUTRIGENOMICS, PHYSIOLOGY,  
21 PHARMACOLOGY, FOOD SYSTEMS, MANAGEMENT, AND BEHAVIORAL AND  
22 SOCIAL SCIENCES TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN OPTIMAL NUTRITION  
23 STATUSES OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

24 (4) "LICENSED DIETITIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED UNDER  
25 THIS ARTICLE 223 AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
26 12-223-107 (1) TO PRACTICE DIETETICS AND NUTRITION, INCLUDING THE  
27 PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY.

1 (5) "LICENSED NUTRITIONIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED  
2 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223 AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
3 12-223-108 (1) OR (4) TO PRACTICE NUTRITION, INCLUDING THE PROVISION  
4 OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY.

5 (6) "MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY" MEANS THE PROVISION OF ONE  
6 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING NUTRITION CARE SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE  
7 OF MANAGEMENT OR TREATMENT OF A DISEASE OR MEDICAL CONDITION:

8 (a) NUTRITION ASSESSMENT;

9 (b) NUTRITION DIAGNOSIS;

10 (c) NUTRITION INTERVENTION; OR

11 (d) NUTRITION MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

12 (7) "MEDICAL WEIGHT CONTROL" MEANS MEDICAL NUTRITION  
13 THERAPY PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING, MAINTAINING, OR  
14 GAINING WEIGHT.

15 (8) (a) "NONMEDICAL WEIGHT CONTROL" MEANS NUTRITION CARE  
16 SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING, MAINTAINING, OR GAINING  
17 WEIGHT THAT DO NOT CONSTITUTE THE TREATMENT OR MANAGEMENT OF  
18 A DISEASE OR MEDICAL CONDITION.

19 (b) "NONMEDICAL WEIGHT CONTROL" INCLUDES WEIGHT CONTROL  
20 SERVICES FOR HEALTHY POPULATION GROUPS TO ACHIEVE OR MAINTAIN  
21 A HEALTHY WEIGHT.

22 (9) "NUTRITION" MEANS THE INTEGRATION AND APPLICATION OF  
23 SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES DERIVED FROM THE STUDY OF NUTRITION SCIENCE,  
24 CELLULAR AND SYSTEMIC METABOLISM, BIOCHEMISTRY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND  
25 BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES FOR ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING HEALTH  
26 THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

27 (10) (a) "NUTRITION ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE ONGOING,

1 DYNAMIC, AND SYSTEMATIC PROCESS OF ORDERING, OBTAINING,  
2 VERIFYING, AND INTERPRETING BIOCHEMICAL, ANTHROPOMETRIC,  
3 PHYSICAL, NUTRIGENOMIC, AND DIETARY DATA TO MAKE DECISIONS  
4 ABOUT THE NATURE AND CAUSE OF NUTRITION-RELATED PROBLEMS  
5 RELATIVE TO PATIENT AND COMMUNITY NEEDS.

6 (b) "NUTRITION ASSESSMENT" INVOLVES NOT ONLY INITIAL DATA  
7 COLLECTION BUT ALSO REASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS OF PATIENT OR  
8 COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR NUTRITION  
9 DIAGNOSIS AND NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND ORDERS.

10 (c) "NUTRITION ASSESSMENT" MAY REQUIRE ORDERING  
11 LABORATORY TESTS TO CHECK AND TRACK NUTRITIONAL STATUSES. THE  
12 COLLECTION OF NUTRITION-RELATED DATA DOES NOT, BY ITSELF,  
13 CONSTITUTE NUTRITION ASSESSMENT.

14 (11) "NUTRITION CARE SERVICES" MEANS ALL OR A PART OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN A SYSTEMATIC PROCESS:

16 (a) ASSESSING AND EVALUATING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF  
17 INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AND DETERMINING RESOURCES AND  
18 CONSTRAINTS IN A PRACTICE SETTING, INCLUDING THE ORDERING OF  
19 NUTRITION-RELATED LABORATORY TESTS TO CHECK AND TRACK  
20 NUTRITION STATUSES;

21 (b) IDENTIFYING NUTRITION PROBLEMS AND ESTABLISHING  
22 PRIORITIES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES THAT MEET NUTRITIONAL NEEDS AND  
23 ARE CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND CONSTRAINTS;

24 (c) CREATING INDIVIDUALIZED DIETARY PLANS AND ISSUING AND  
25 IMPLEMENTING ORDERS TO MEET THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF HEALTHY  
26 INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISEASE STATES OR MEDICAL  
27 CONDITIONS, INCLUDING ORDERING THERAPEUTIC DIETS AND MONITORING

1 THE DIETS' EFFECTIVENESS;

2 (d) DETERMINING AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE NUTRITION

3 INTERVENTION IN HEALTH AND DISEASE, INCLUDING NUTRITION

4 COUNSELING ON FOOD AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INTERACTIONS;

5 (e) DEVELOPING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MANAGING NUTRITION CARE

6 SYSTEMS; OR

7 (f) EVALUATING, MAKING CHANGES IN, AND MAINTAINING

8 APPROPRIATE STANDARDS OF QUALITY IN FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES.

9 (12) "NUTRITION COUNSELING" MEANS A SUPPORTIVE PROCESS,

10 CHARACTERIZED BY A COLLABORATIVE COUNSELOR-PATIENT

11 RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, THAT ESTABLISHES FOOD

12 AND NUTRITION PRIORITIES, GOALS, AND INDIVIDUALIZED ACTION PLANS

13 AND GENERAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDANCE, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES

14 AND FOSTERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF-CARE, PROMOTES HEALTH AND

15 WELLNESS, OR TREATS OR MANAGES AN EXISTING DISEASE OR MEDICAL

16 CONDITION.

17 (13) "NUTRITION DIAGNOSIS" MEANS IDENTIFYING AND LABELING

18 NUTRITION PROBLEMS MANAGED AND TREATED BY A LICENSED DIETITIAN

19 OR A LICENSED NUTRITIONIST BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A MEDICAL

20 DIAGNOSIS OF THE HEALTH STATUS OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

21 (14) (a) "NUTRITION INTERVENTION" MEANS PURPOSEFULLY

22 PLANNED ACTIONS, INCLUDING NUTRITION COUNSELING, INTENDED TO

23 POSITIVELY CHANGE A NUTRITION-RELATED BEHAVIOR, RISK FACTOR,

24 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION, OR ASPECT OF THE HEALTH STATUS OF AN

25 INDIVIDUAL AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILY OR CAREGIVERS, TARGET

26 GROUPS, OR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

27 (b) "NUTRITION INTERVENTION" INCLUDES APPROVING, ORDERING,

1 AND MONITORING THERAPEUTIC DIETS AND COUNSELING ON FOOD AND  
2 PRESCRIPTION DRUG INTERACTIONS.

3 (15) "NUTRITION MONITORING AND EVALUATION" MEANS  
4 IDENTIFYING PATIENT OUTCOMES RELEVANT TO A NUTRITION DIAGNOSIS,  
5 INTERVENTION PLANS, AND GOALS AND COMPARING THOSE PATIENT  
6 OUTCOMES WITH PREVIOUS STATUSES, INTERVENTION GOALS, OR A  
7 REFERENCE STANDARD TO DETERMINE THE PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING  
8 THE DESIRED OUTCOMES OF NUTRITION CARE AND WHETHER PLANNED  
9 INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED OR REVISED.

10 (16) "PATIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENT OF NUTRITION  
11 CARE SERVICES.

12 (17) "PRACTICE OF DIETETICS":

13 (a) INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION CARE SERVICES,  
14 INCLUDING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, IN PERSON OR VIA TELEHEALTH,  
15 TO PREVENT, MANAGE, OR TREAT CHRONIC AND ACUTE DISEASES OR  
16 MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND PROMOTE WELLNESS IN INPATIENT AND  
17 OUTPATIENT SETTINGS; AND

18 (b) ENCOMPASSES THE DEVELOPMENT AND ORDERING OF  
19 THERAPEUTIC DIETS VIA ORAL, ENTERAL, AND PARENTERAL ROUTES AND  
20 PROVIDING OTHER ADVANCED MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY AND  
21 RELATED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT COMPETENCIES  
22 REQUIRED OF ACADEMIC AND SUPERVISED PRACTICE PROGRAMS  
23 ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN  
24 NUTRITION AND DIETETICS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "SCOPE AND  
25 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST"  
26 ESTABLISHED BY THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS.

27 (18) "PRACTICE OF NUTRITION":



1 (a) INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION CARE SERVICES,  
2 INCLUDING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, IN PERSON OR VIA TELEHEALTH,  
3 TO PREVENT, MANAGE, OR TREAT CHRONIC DISEASES OR MEDICAL  
4 CONDITIONS AND PROMOTE WELLNESS IN OUTPATIENT SETTINGS; AND

5 (b) ENCOMPASSES, CONSISTENT WITH A LEVEL OF COMPETENCE:

6 (I) ORDERING ORAL THERAPEUTIC DIETS;

7 (II) ORDERING MEDICAL LABORATORY TESTS RELATED TO  
8 NUTRITIONAL THERAPEUTIC TREATMENTS; AND

9 (III) RECOMMENDING VITAMINS, MINERALS, AND OTHER DIETARY  
10 SUPPLEMENTS.

11 (19) "QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING  
12 SUPERVISION WHO ASSUMES FULL PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
13 WORK OF THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL BY VERIFYING, DIRECTING, AND  
14 APPROVING THE PROVIDED NUTRITION CARE SERVICES, MEDICAL  
15 NUTRITION THERAPY, AND OTHER WORK BEING SUPERVISED AND MEETS  
16 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 12-223-112.

17 (20) "REGISTERED DIETITIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS  
18 CREDENTIALLED BY THE COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION, OR ITS  
19 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, AS A REGISTERED DIETITIAN OR A REGISTERED  
20 DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST AND IS AUTHORIZED TO USE SUCH TITLE AND THE  
21 CORRESPONDING ABBREVIATIONS "RD" OR "RDN".

22 (21) "TELEHEALTH" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
23 10-16-123 (4)(e).

24 (22) "UNRESTRICTED PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY"  
25 MEANS THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY BY AN  
26 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN PRACTICE OR  
27 TREATMENT PROCEDURES.

1           **12-223-105. Powers and duties of the director - rules.** (1) IN  
2       ADDITION TO THE OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR AS SET  
3       FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE 223 AND ARTICLES 20 AND 30 OF THIS TITLE 12,  
4       THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

5           (a) LICENSE DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS IN A MANNER  
6       CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE 223;

7           (b) CREATE AND MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ALL APPLICANTS FOR  
8       LICENSURE, AND A REGISTER OF ALL LICENSED DIETITIANS AND LICENSED  
9       NUTRITIONISTS;

10          (c) ADOPT RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-204 TO PROVIDE  
11       FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ARTICLE 223;

12          (d) ADOPT THE LICENSURE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN THIS  
13       ARTICLE 223 AND RULES RELEVANT TO LICENSURE, INCLUDING ADOPTING  
14       UPDATED STANDARDS OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS;

15          (e) ADOPT BY RULE A CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF  
16       PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES;

17          (f) ESTABLISH AND COLLECT THE FEES FOR LICENSURE AND  
18       RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE IN THE MANNER  
19       AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-20-105;

20          (g) ESTABLISH AND COLLECT FEES AND MAKE EXPENDITURES AS  
21       REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE 223;

22          (h) ADMINISTER CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
23       RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-223-114;

24          (i) RECEIVE AND PROCESS COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATE  
25       ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 223;

26          (j) CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
27       SECTION 12-20-403 IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE EXERCISE AND

1 PERFORMANCE OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES VESTED IN THE DIRECTOR;

2 (k) SEEK AN INJUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

3 12-20-406 TO ENJOIN AN ACT OR PRACTICE THAT CONSTITUTES A

4 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 223;

5 (l) PROVIDE FOR EXAMINATION OR WAIVER OF EXAMINATION FOR

6 APPLICANTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-223-107 (1)(a)(III) OR 12-223-108

7 (1)(c)(I) OR (4); AND

8 (m) IMPOSE PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 223

9 AND WITH SECTIONS 12-20-404 AND 12-20-407.

10 **12-223-106. Dietetics and nutrition advisory committee -**

11 **members - repeal.** (1) THE DIETETICS AND NUTRITION ADVISORY

12 COMMITTEE IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION AS THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR

13 ADVISING THE DIRECTOR IN THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION

14 THERAPY AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE 223.

15 (2) (a) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS

16 WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR

17 AS FOLLOWS:

18 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION,

19 THREE MEMBERS MUST BE LICENSED DIETITIANS;

20 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS

21 SECTION, TWO MEMBERS MUST BE LICENSED NUTRITIONISTS;

22 (III) ONE MEMBER MUST BE A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE

23 MEDICINE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 240 OF THIS TITLE 12; AND

24 (IV) ONE MEMBER MUST NOT BE LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE

25 223 OR ARTICLE 240 OF THIS TITLE 12 AND SHALL REPRESENT THE PUBLIC

26 AT LARGE.

27 (b) (I) LICENSED DIETITIANS AND LICENSED NUTRITIONISTS WHO

1 ARE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY  
2 PRACTICING IN THE FIELD OF DIETETICS OR NUTRITION FOR NOT LESS THAN  
3 FIVE YEARS. THE DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS INITIALLY APPOINTED TO  
4 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT  
5 TO THIS ARTICLE 223 AND MUST MAINTAIN LICENSURE, ONCE AVAILABLE,  
6 WHILE SERVING ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; THEREAFTER, LICENSED  
7 DIETITIANS AND LICENSED NUTRITIONISTS APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY  
8 COMMITTEE MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 223 AND MUST  
9 MAINTAIN ACTIVE LICENSURE WHILE SERVING ON THE ADVISORY  
10 COMMITTEE.

11 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS  
12 SECTION:

13 (A) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST  
14 BE A LICENSED DIETITIAN OR LICENSED NUTRITIONIST WHO IS AN  
15 EDUCATOR SPECIALIZING IN THE FIELD OF DIETETICS OR NUTRITION ON THE  
16 FACULTY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED AT THE TIME OF  
17 GRADUATION BY A UNITED STATES INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITING BODY  
18 FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES  
19 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

20 (B) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST  
21 BE A LICENSED DIETITIAN WHOSE PRIMARY PRACTICE IS CLINICAL  
22 DIETETICS IN A HOSPITAL OR LONG-TERM CARE INSTITUTION; AND

23 (C) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST  
24 BE A LICENSED DIETITIAN OR LICENSED NUTRITIONIST WHOSE PRIMARY  
25 PRACTICE IS MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE OR AN  
26 OUTPATIENT SETTING.

27 (c) THE MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

1 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE A CITIZEN  
2 OR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF  
3 COLORADO AND MUST NOT BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (I) A DIETITIAN OR A NUTRITIONIST;

5 (II) AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED IN THE  
6 PROFESSION OF DIETETICS OR NUTRITION;

7 (III) A LICENSED HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL OR AN INDIVIDUAL  
8 ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM TO BECOME A LICENSED HEALTH-CARE  
9 PROFESSIONAL;

10 (IV) AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A HEALTH-CARE INSTITUTION, A  
11 HEALTH-CARE INSURER, OR A HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL;

12 (V) A MEMBER OF AN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSION OR AN  
13 INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN  
14 ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSION; OR

15 (VI) AN UNREGULATED PROVIDER OF NUTRITION CARE SERVICES.

16 (d) (I) THE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO  
17 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE 223.

19 (II) THE INITIAL TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF TWO LICENSED  
20 DIETITIANS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS  
21 SECTION, ONE LICENSED NUTRITIONIST APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
22 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE MEMBER REPRESENTING  
23 THE PUBLIC AT LARGE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF  
24 THIS SECTION IS TWO YEARS, WITH THE INITIAL TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR  
25 THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BEING THREE  
26 YEARS.

27 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER

1 1, 2030.

2 (e) (I) EACH MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SERVES AT  
3 THE PLEASURE OF THE DIRECTOR. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION  
4 (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS THREE YEARS. A  
5 MEMBER SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

6 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DOES NOT  
7 RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES BUT IS ENTITLED TO  
8 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES THEY INCUR IN  
9 PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES.

10 (III) THE DIRECTOR SHALL CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE  
12 DIRECTOR MAKES ALL OF THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY  
13 COMMITTEE.

14 (IV) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM  
15 AMONG ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR. A  
16 CHAIR SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

17 (V) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE  
18 EVERY CALENDAR YEAR, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AS DETERMINED  
19 NECESSARY BY THE DIRECTOR.

20 (3) THE CHAIR IS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADVISORY  
21 COMMITTEE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY ACTIVITIES OF THE  
22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS STAFF.

23 **12-223-107. Licensure of dietitians - qualifications -**  
24 **application.** (1) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE AS A DIETITIAN SHALL  
25 SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR  
26 DEMONSTRATING THE APPLICANT IS CAPABLE AND PROFESSIONALLY  
27 COMPETENT TO SAFELY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICES OF DIETETICS AND

1 NUTRITION, SUBMIT THE FEES AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR, AND SUBMIT  
2 PROOF OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (a) PROOF OF COMPLETION OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
4 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE  
5 AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

6 (I) PROOF OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL  
7 REQUIREMENTS:

8 (A) A MASTER'S DEGREE OR DOCTORAL DEGREE WITH A PROGRAM  
9 OF STUDY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR  
10 EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
11 ORGANIZATION; OR

12 (B) AN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC DEGREE THAT THE DIRECTOR  
13 DETERMINES IS EQUIVALENT TO A DEGREE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
14 (1)(a)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION WITH A PROGRAM OF STUDY THAT IS  
15 ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN  
16 NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

17 (II) SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A PLANNED, DOCUMENTED,  
18 AND SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE  
19 APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION  
20 COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, OR ITS  
21 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, THAT INVOLVES AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND  
22 HOURS OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF  
23 A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR. AN APPLICANT SHALL COMPLETE A SUPERVISED  
24 PRACTICE EXPERIENCE WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE  
25 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS  
26 SECTION UNLESS THE DIRECTOR, FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES,  
27 GRANTS AN EXTENSION FOR A LIMITED TIME.

1 (III) SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REGISTRATION  
2 EXAMINATION FOR DIETITIANS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION ON  
3 DIETETIC REGISTRATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. IF PASSAGE  
4 OF THE EXAMINATION OCCURRED MORE THAN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE  
5 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, THE APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE  
6 COMPLETION OF SEVENTY-FIVE HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
7 MEETING THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CRITERIA, AS ADOPTED BY RULE,  
8 PER EACH FIVE-YEAR PERIOD POST-EXAMINATION.

9 (b) PROOF OF A VALID REGISTRATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON  
10 DIETETIC REGISTRATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, THAT GIVES  
11 THE APPLICANT THE RIGHT TO USE THE TERM "REGISTERED DIETITIAN",  
12 "REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST", "RD", OR "RDN".

13 (2) AFTER AN APPLICANT HAS FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
14 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE  
15 TO THE APPLICANT; EXCEPT THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY DENY A LICENSE  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 12-20-404 (1)(d)(I) AND 12-223-109.

17 **12-223-108. Licensure of nutritionists - qualifications -**  
18 **application - transitional license - rules - repeal.** (1) AN APPLICANT  
19 FOR A LICENSE AS A NUTRITIONIST SHALL SUBMIT A COMPLETED  
20 APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR DEMONSTRATING THE  
21 APPLICANT IS CAPABLE AND PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT TO SAFELY  
22 ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF NUTRITION, SUBMIT THE FEES AS REQUIRED  
23 BY THE DIRECTOR, AND SUBMIT PROOF OF COMPLETION OF ALL THE  
24 FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SUPERVISED PRACTICE  
25 EXPERIENCES, AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

26 (a) PROOF OF COMPLETION OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE OR VALIDATED  
27 INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT IN A FIELD OF CLINICAL HEALTH CARE FROM



1 A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION BY  
2 A UNITED STATES INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITING BODY FOR HIGHER  
3 EDUCATION RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
4 EDUCATION OR A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE OR VALIDATED  
5 INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY  
6 ACCREDITED AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION BY A UNITED STATES  
7 INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITING BODY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZED  
8 BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH A MAJOR IN:  
9 (I) HUMAN NUTRITION;  
10 (II) FOODS AND NUTRITION;  
11 (III) COMMUNITY NUTRITION;  
12 (IV) PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION;  
13 (V) NUTRITION EDUCATION;  
14 (VI) NUTRITION;  
15 (VII) NUTRITION SCIENCE;  
16 (VIII) CLINICAL NUTRITION;  
17 (IX) APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION;  
18 (X) NUTRITION COUNSELING;  
19 (XI) NUTRITION AND FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE;  
20 (XII) NUTRITIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY;  
21 (XIII) NUTRITION AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH; OR  
22 (XIV) A COMPARABLY TITLED MAJOR;  
23 (b) SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A PLANNED, DOCUMENTED,  
24 AND CONTINUOUS SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE THAT  
25 DEMONSTRATES COMPETENCE IN PROVIDING NUTRITION CARE SERVICES  
26 AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR  
27 AND MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SUPERVISED

1 PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

2 (I) COMPLETION WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE

3 REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS

4 THE DIRECTOR, FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, GRANTS AN

5 EXTENSION FOR A LIMITED TIME;

6 (II) COMPLETION OF AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND HOURS

7 CUMULATIVELY IN THE FOLLOWING PRACTICE AREAS, WITH A MINIMUM OF

8 TWO HUNDRED HOURS COMPLETED IN EACH PRACTICE AREA:

9 (A) NUTRITION ASSESSMENT;

10 (B) NUTRITION INTERVENTION; AND

11 (C) NUTRITION MONITORING AND EVALUATION;

12 (III) THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE SUPERVISED PRACTICE

13 EXPERIENCE HAS PREPARED THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE NUTRITION CARE

14 SERVICES FOR VARIOUS POPULATIONS OF DIVERSE CULTURES, OF GENDERS,

15 AND ACROSS THE LIFE CYCLE AND TO BE ABLE TO COMPETENTLY

16 FORMULATE ACTIONABLE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPIES AND

17 INTERVENTIONS, EDUCATION, COUNSELING, AND ONGOING CARE FOR THE

18 PREVENTION, MODULATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF A RANGE OF CHRONIC

19 MEDICAL CONDITIONS; AND

20 (IV) SUPERVISION BY A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR, AS DETERMINED

21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-223-112; AND

22 (c) COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS BY

23 DEMONSTRATING EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (I) PASSAGE OF THE CERTIFIED NUTRITION SPECIALIST

25 EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF

26 NUTRITION SPECIALISTS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, OR AN

27 EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PRACTICE OF

1 NUTRITION THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED UNDER A PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES  
2 A MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, IS ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL  
3 COMMISSION FOR CERTIFYING AGENCIES OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
4 ORGANIZATION, AND IS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR. IF PASSAGE OF THE  
5 EXAMINATION OCCURRED MORE THAN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE  
6 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, THE APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE  
7 COMPLETION OF SEVENTY-FIVE HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
8 MEETING THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CRITERIA, AS ADOPTED BY RULE,  
9 PER EACH FIVE-YEAR PERIOD POST-EXAMINATION.

10 (II) THE APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID CERTIFICATION WITH THE  
11 BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF NUTRITION SPECIALISTS, OR ITS  
12 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, THAT GIVES THE APPLICANT THE RIGHT TO USE  
13 THE TITLE "CERTIFIED NUTRITION SPECIALIST".

14 (2) TO COMPLY WITH THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS SET  
15 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND REGARDLESS OF THE  
16 COURSE OF STUDY, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED COURSEWORK  
17 LEADING TO COMPETENCE IN MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, INCLUDING  
18 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (a) FIFTEEN SEMESTER HOURS OF CLINICAL OR LIFE SCIENCES, SUCH  
20 AS COURSES IN CHEMISTRY, ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, MOLECULAR  
21 BIOLOGY, BIOTECHNOLOGY, BOTANY, GENETICS, GENOMICS,  
22 NEUROSCIENCE, EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE, IMMUNOTHERAPY, PATHOLOGY,  
23 PHARMACOLOGY, TOXICOLOGY, RESEARCH METHODS, APPLIED STATISTICS,  
24 BIOSTATISTICS, EPIDEMIOLOGY, ENERGY PRODUCTION, MOLECULAR  
25 PATHWAYS, HORMONE AND TRANSMITTER REGULATIONS AND IMBALANCE,  
26 AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC BASIS OF DISEASE. THREE SEMESTER HOURS  
27 MUST BE IN HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OR THE EQUIVALENT.

1 (b) FIFTEEN SEMESTER HOURS OF NUTRITION AND METABOLISM,  
2 SUCH AS COURSES IN NUTRITION ASSESSMENT, DEVELOPMENTAL  
3 NUTRITION, NUTRITIONAL ASPECTS OF DISEASE, HUMAN NUTRITION,  
4 MACRONUTRIENTS, MICRONUTRIENTS, VITAMINS AND MINERALS,  
5 FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE NUTRITION, MOLECULAR METABOLISM, CLINICAL  
6 NUTRITION, MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, NUTRITIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY,  
7 NUTRITION AND DIGESTIVE HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION. AT  
8 LEAST SIX SEMESTER HOURS MUST BE IN BIOCHEMISTRY.

9 (3) AFTER AN APPLICANT HAS FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
10 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE  
11 TO THE APPLICANT; EXCEPT THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY DENY A LICENSE  
12 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 12-20-404 (1)(d)(I) AND 12-223-109.

13 (4) (a) THE DIRECTOR MAY WAIVE THE EXAMINATION  
14 REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND MAY GRANT  
15 A NUTRITIONIST LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO APPLIES TO THE DIRECTOR  
16 AND DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

17 (I) RECEIPT OF A BACCALAUREATE OR HIGHER ACADEMIC DEGREE  
18 FROM A UNITED STATES REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF  
19 HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION ACCREDITATION, OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, WITH AT  
21 LEAST THIRTY CREDIT HOURS OR A MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY IN:

- 22 (A) HUMAN NUTRITION;
- 23 (B) FOODS AND NUTRITION;
- 24 (C) FOOD SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT;
- 25 (D) NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE;
- 26 (E) NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION;
- 27 (F) COMMUNITY NUTRITION;

- 1 (G) PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION;  
2 (H) NUTRITION EDUCATION;  
3 (I) NUTRITION;  
4 (J) NUTRITION SCIENCE;  
5 (K) CLINICAL NUTRITION;  
6 (L) APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION;  
7 (M) NUTRITION COUNSELING;  
8 (N) NUTRITION AND FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE;  
9 (O) NUTRITIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY;  
10 (P) NUTRITION AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH; OR  
11 (Q) AN EQUIVALENT COURSE OF STUDY LEADING TO COMPETENCE  
12 IN MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY;  
13 (II) EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYMENT, AT LEAST ON  
14 A HALF-TIME BASIS, TO PROVIDE NUTRITION CARE SERVICES FOR THE  
15 TREATMENT OR MANAGEMENT OF A DIAGNOSED DISEASE OR MEDICAL  
16 CONDITION FOR THREE OF THE FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
17 SEPTEMBER 1, 2026;  
18 (III) PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY TO RESIDENTS  
19 OF COLORADO WITHOUT SUPERVISION FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS  
20 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026; AND  
21 (IV) THE APPLICANT IS NOT A REGISTERED DIETITIAN.  
22 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
23 2028.

24 **12-223-109. Disciplinary action - grounds for discipline.**  
25 (1) PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 20 OF THIS TITLE 12, THE DIRECTOR  
26 MAY DENY OR REFUSE TO RENEW A LICENSE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE A  
27 LICENSE, IMPOSE PROBATIONARY CONDITIONS ON A LICENSE, ISSUE A

1 CEASE-AND-DESIST LETTER, OR SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST A  
2 LICENSEE OR AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE WHO HAS ENGAGED IN ONE OR  
3 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OR UNPROFESSIONAL  
4 CONDUCT:

5 (a) ENGAGING IN CONDUCT INVOLVING FRAUD, DECEIT,  
6 MISREPRESENTATION, OR CONCEALMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS IN  
7 OBTAINING OR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A LICENSE OR THE RENEWAL OF A  
8 LICENSE;

9 (b) COMMITTING AN ACT OF MALPRACTICE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OR  
10 INCOMPETENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF DIETETICS OR NUTRITION;

11 (c) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-223-113,  
12 PRACTICING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE  
13 ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223, THE PENALTY FOR WHICH IS SET FORTH  
14 IN SECTION 12-223-115;

15 (d) ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT COULD RESULT IN HARM OR  
16 INJURY TO THE PUBLIC;

17 (e) ADJUDICATION OF INCOMPETENCY UNTIL PROOF OF RECOVERY  
18 FROM THE CONDITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED; AND

19 (f) BEING CONVICTED IN A COURT OF, OR HAVING ENTERED A PLEA  
20 OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO, A CRIME DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE  
21 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST OR A  
22 CRIME THAT WAS VIOLENT OR SEXUAL IN NATURE.

23 **12-223-110. Provisional and limited permits.** (1) THE DIRECTOR  
24 MAY ISSUE AN INDIVIDUAL A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A  
25 DIETITIAN OR A NUTRITIONIST UPON THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH  
26 PAYMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE FEE, THE SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE OF  
27 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND SUPERVISED

1 PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS, AND THE SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE THAT THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL HAS APPLIED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN  
3 SECTION 12-223-107 (1)(a)(III) OR 12-223-108 (1)(c)(I).

4 (2) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE  
5 OF ISSUANCE AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL.

6 (3) A DIETITIAN PROVISIONAL LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE  
7 TO PRACTICE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DIETITIAN.

8 (4) A NUTRITIONIST PROVISIONAL LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE  
9 LICENSEE TO PRACTICE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED  
10 DIETITIAN OR A LICENSED NUTRITIONIST.

11 (5) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF A  
12 PROVISIONAL LICENSE IN THE MANNER AUTHORIZED BY SECTION  
13 12-20-105.

14 **12-223-111. License required - title protection.** (1) EXCEPT AS  
15 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-223-113, ON AND AFTER SEPTEMBER  
16 1, 2026, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN OR OFFER TO PROVIDE  
17 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED  
18 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223.

19 (2) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT DESIGNATE THEMSELF OR HOLD  
20 THEMSELF OUT AS A LICENSED DIETITIAN UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS  
21 LICENSED AS A DIETITIAN UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223. AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL  
22 NOT USE OR ASSUME THE TITLE "DIETITIAN", "DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST",  
23 OR "DIETICIAN" UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE REGISTERED  
24 DIETITIAN CREDENTIAL FROM THE COMMISSION ON DIETETIC  
25 REGISTRATION OR IS LICENSED AS A DIETITIAN UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223.

26 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT APPEND TO, OR USE IN  
27 CONJUNCTION WITH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME THE LETTERS "LD" OR

1 "LDN" UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED AS A DIETITIAN UNDER THIS  
2 ARTICLE 223.

3 (3) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT USE OR ASSUME A TITLE  
4 INDICATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A LICENSED NUTRITIONIST OR APPEND  
5 TO, OR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME THE LETTERS  
6 "LN" UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED AS A NUTRITIONIST UNDER THIS  
7 ARTICLE 223.

8 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT DESIGNATE THEMSELF OR HOLD  
9 THEMSELF OUT AS A NUTRITIONIST OR USE OR ASSUME THE TITLE  
10 "NUTRITIONIST" UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE  
11 223.

12 (4) AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 223 FROM  
13 IDENTIFYING THEMSELF USING AN EARNED, FEDERALLY TRADEMARKED  
14 NUTRITION CREDENTIAL, BUT SUCH PERMITTED USE DOES NOT GIVE THE  
15 INDIVIDUAL THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY  
16 UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS ALSO LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 223.

17 **12-223-112. Qualified supervisors - duties.** (1) (a) TO QUALIFY  
18 AS A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 223, AN  
19 INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

20 (I) IF SUPERVISING A STUDENT OR TRAINEE WHO IS PROVIDING  
21 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY IN A STATE THAT PROVIDES FOR LICENSURE  
22 OR CERTIFICATION OF DIETITIANS, DIETITIAN NUTRITIONISTS, OR  
23 NUTRITIONISTS, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST BE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (A) A LICENSED DIETITIAN, A LICENSED NUTRITIONIST, OR A  
25 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN A STATE OR  
26 TERRITORY IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING LICENSED OR CERTIFIED  
27 DIETITIANS, DIETITIAN NUTRITIONISTS, OR NUTRITIONISTS, WHOSE SCOPE



1 OF PRACTICE INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY;  
2 OR

3 (B) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED  
4 WITHIN THE DISCHARGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFFICIAL DUTIES TO PROVIDE  
5 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY;

6 (II) IF SUPERVISING A STUDENT OR TRAINEE IN A STATE THAT DOES  
7 NOT PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION OF DIETITIANS, DIETITIAN  
8 NUTRITIONISTS, OR NUTRITIONISTS, THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS OTHER  
9 CRITERIA AS THE DIRECTOR MAY ESTABLISH, INCLUDING BEING A  
10 REGISTERED DIETITIAN OR A LICENSED HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER WHOSE  
11 SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION  
12 THERAPY; AND

13 (III) UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FEDERAL  
14 GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED WITHIN THE DISCHARGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
15 OFFICIAL DUTIES TO PROVIDE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, THE  
16 INDIVIDUAL MUST BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE IF SUPERVISING A STUDENT  
17 OR TRAINEE WHO IS PROVIDING MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY TO AN  
18 INDIVIDUAL LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

19 (b) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL ONLY SUPERVISE A CLINICAL  
20 ACTIVITY OR NUTRITION CARE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE QUALIFIED  
21 SUPERVISOR IS QUALIFIED AND IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM.

22 (c) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL DEVELOP AND CARRY OUT A  
23 PROGRAM FOR ADVANCING AND OPTIMIZING THE QUALITY OF CARE  
24 PROVIDED BY A STUDENT OR TRAINEE BEING SUPERVISED. THE QUALIFIED  
25 SUPERVISOR AND THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE BEING SUPERVISED SHALL  
26 IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT GOALS FOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE,  
27 THE ASSIGNMENT OF CLINICAL TASKS AS APPROPRIATE TO THE SUPERVISED

1 INDIVIDUAL'S EVOLVING LEVEL OF COMPETENCE, THE SUPERVISED  
2 INDIVIDUAL'S RELATIONSHIP AND ACCESS TO THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR,  
3 AND A PROCESS FOR EVALUATING THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE'S  
4 PERFORMANCE.

5 (d) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF,  
6 AND APPROVE AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NUTRITION CARE  
7 SERVICES RENDERED BY, THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE.

8 (e) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL BE PHYSICALLY ON SITE AND  
9 PRESENT WHERE THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL IS PROVIDING NUTRITION  
10 CARE SERVICES OR BE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUOUSLY AVAILABLE TO  
11 THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL BY MEANS OF TWO-WAY, REAL-TIME  
12 AUDIOVISUAL TECHNOLOGY THAT ALLOWS FOR DIRECT,  
13 CONTEMPORANEOUS INTERACTION BY SIGHT AND SOUND BETWEEN THE  
14 QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL. IF THE  
15 QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR ASSIGNS A NUTRITION CARE SERVICE TO A  
16 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL THAT IS TO BE PROVIDED IN A SETTING WHERE  
17 THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR IS NOT ROUTINELY PRESENT, THE QUALIFIED  
18 SUPERVISOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MEANS AND METHODS OF  
19 SUPERVISION ARE ADEQUATE TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE PATIENT CARE,  
20 WHICH MAY INCLUDE SYNCHRONOUS VIDEOCONFERENCING OR ANOTHER  
21 METHOD OF COMMUNICATION AND OVERSIGHT THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO  
22 THE CARE SETTING AND THE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE  
23 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL.

24 (f) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL REVIEW ON A REGULAR BASIS  
25 THE CHARTS, RECORDS, AND CLINICAL NOTES OF THE SUPERVISED  
26 INDIVIDUALS AND MAINTAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPERVISED  
27 INDIVIDUALS' CLINICAL RECORD KEEPING.

1 (g) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO RENDER  
2 ASSISTANCE DURING THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION CARE SERVICES WHEN  
3 REQUESTED BY A PATIENT OR SHALL HAVE ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER  
4 QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER LAWFULLY ABLE TO RENDER NUTRITION CARE  
5 SERVICES TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE QUALIFIED  
6 SUPERVISOR.

7 (h) A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR SHALL LIMIT THE ASSIGNMENT OF  
8 NUTRITION CARE SERVICES TO THOSE SERVICES THAT ARE WITHIN THE  
9 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL AND  
10 CUSTOMARY TO THE PRACTICE OF THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR.

11 **12-223-113. Exemptions.** (1) THIS ARTICLE 223 DOES NOT  
12 AFFECT OR PREVENT:

13 (a) A HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE 12  
14 AND PRACTICING IN THIS STATE FROM ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF  
15 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY WHEN MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY IS  
16 WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSED SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND IS  
17 INCIDENTAL TO THE PRACTICE FOR WHICH THEY ARE LICENSED; EXCEPT  
18 THAT SUCH INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT REPRESENT THEMSELF USING TITLES  
19 PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12-223-111;

20 (b) A STUDENT OR TRAINEE FROM ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF  
21 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, IF:

22 (I) THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE PRACTICES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
23 (1)(b) AS PART OF A COURSE OF STUDY OR AS PART OF A PLANNED,  
24 CONTINUOUS SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE TO SATISFY  
25 EDUCATIONAL OR SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS  
26 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-223-107 (1)(a) OR 12-223-108 (1)(b);

27 (II) THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE WHO IS COMPLETING THE

1 SUPERVISED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 12-223-107  
2 (1)(a)(II) OR 12-223-108 (1)(b) PRACTICES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)  
3 NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE EDUCATIONAL  
4 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 12-223-107 (1)(a)(I) OR 12-223-108  
5 (1)(a);

6 (III) THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE PRACTICES UNDER THIS  
7 SUBSECTION (1)(b) ONLY WHILE SUPERVISED BY A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR;

8 (IV) THE STUDENT OR TRAINEE DOES NOT ENGAGE IN THE  
9 UNRESTRICTED PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY; AND

10 (V) WHILE PRACTICING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b), THE  
11 STUDENT OR TRAINEE USES A TITLE THAT CLEARLY INDICATES THEIR  
12 STATUS AS A STUDENT, INTERN, TRAINEE, OR SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL;

13 (c) A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST WHO IS SERVING IN THE ARMED  
14 FORCES OR THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OR IS EMPLOYED  
15 BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FROM  
16 ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY OR USING  
17 GOVERNMENT-ISSUED TITLES, PROVIDED THE PRACTICE OR TITLE USE IS  
18 RELATED TO SUCH SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT;

19 (d) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY, OR WHO CONTRACTS  
20 WITH, THE STATE, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL AGENCY, OR ANOTHER  
21 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING NUTRITION  
22 CARE SERVICES FOR THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM  
23 FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN, CREATED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C.  
24 SEC. 1786, AND WHO IS AUTHORIZED WITHIN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR  
25 OFFICIAL DUTIES TO USE THE TITLE "NUTRITIONIST" FROM PROVIDING  
26 NUTRITION CARE SERVICES WITHIN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR OFFICIAL  
27 DUTIES;

1 (e) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT REPRESENT THEMSELF USING  
2 TITLES PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12-223-111 FROM PROVIDING MEDICAL  
3 WEIGHT CONTROL FOR OBESITY AS PART OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (I) AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN  
5 WRITING BY AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

6 (A) A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST LICENSED IN THIS STATE; OR

7 (B) A HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN  
8 THIS STATE WHOSE AUTHORIZED SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES MEDICAL  
9 NUTRITION THERAPY; OR

10 (II) A PLAN OF CARE THAT IS OVERSEEN BY A HEALTH-CARE  
11 PROFESSIONAL LICENSED IN THIS STATE WHOSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE  
12 OTHERWISE AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL TO PROVIDE  
13 AND DELEGATE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, IF THE MEDICAL WEIGHT  
14 CONTROL SERVICES ARE NOT DISCRETIONARY AND DO NOT REQUIRE THE  
15 EXERCISE OF PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT;

16 (f) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT REPRESENT THEMSELF USING  
17 TITLES PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12-223-111 FROM ASSISTING WITH THE  
18 PROVISION OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY IF THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMS  
19 ONLY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT DISCRETIONARY AND THAT DO  
20 NOT REQUIRE THE EXERCISE OF PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT TO PERFORM,  
21 AND THE INDIVIDUAL IS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
22 LICENSED PRACTITIONERS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE  
23 PRACTITIONER'S LICENSE:

24 (I) A LICENSED DIETITIAN;

25 (II) A LICENSED NUTRITIONIST; OR

26 (III) A HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL LICENSED IN THIS STATE;

27 (g) AN INDIVIDUAL FROM DISSEMINATING NONINDIVIDUALIZED,

1 WRITTEN, GENERAL NONMEDICAL NUTRITION INFORMATION IN  
2 CONNECTION WITH THE MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF DIETARY  
3 SUPPLEMENTS, FOOD, HERBS, OR FOOD MATERIALS, INCLUDING  
4 EXPLANATIONS OF THEIR FEDERALLY REGULATED LABEL CLAIMS, THEIR  
5 KNOWN DRUG-NUTRIENT INTERACTIONS, THEIR ROLE IN VARIOUS DIETS, OR  
6 SUGGESTIONS AS HOW TO BEST USE AND COMBINE THEM, SO LONG AS SUCH  
7 INFORMATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY AND  
8 THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT REPRESENT THEMSELF USING TITLES  
9 PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12-223-111;

10 (h) AN INDIVIDUAL FROM PROVIDING INDIVIDUALIZED NUTRITION  
11 ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR WELLNESS AND PRIMARY  
12 PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE, HEALTH COACHING, HOLISTIC AND  
13 WELLNESS EDUCATION, GUIDANCE, MOTIVATION, BEHAVIOR CHANGE  
14 MANAGEMENT, SERVICES FOR NONMEDICAL WEIGHT CONTROL, OR OTHER  
15 NUTRITION CARE SERVICES SO LONG AS ALL THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

16 (I) THE SERVICES DO NOT CONSTITUTE MEDICAL NUTRITION  
17 THERAPY;

18 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT REPRESENT THEMSELF USING  
19 TITLES PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12-223-111; AND

20 (III) THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HOLD THEMSELF OUT AS LICENSED  
21 OR QUALIFIED TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL NUTRITION  
22 THERAPY; AND

23 (i) AN OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED PRACTITIONER FROM PROVIDING  
24 MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES VIA TELEHEALTH TO A PATIENT  
25 LOCATED IN THIS STATE IF THE OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED PRACTITIONER:

26 (I) IS LICENSED IN THIS STATE AS A LICENSED DIETITIAN OR  
27 LICENSED NUTRITIONIST OR HAS OBTAINED A DIETITIAN LICENSURE

1 COMPACT PRIVILEGE; OR

2 (II) IS A HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN

3 GOOD STANDING IN A STATE OR TERRITORY, WITH A LICENSED OR

4 CERTIFIED SCOPE OF PRACTICE THAT INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL

5 NUTRITION THERAPY AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES VIA

6 TELEHEALTH:

7 (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH A MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

8 PRACTITIONER LICENSED IN THIS STATE WHO HAS A

9 PRACTITIONER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PATIENT;

10 (B) FOR A PATIENT WITH WHOM THE LICENSED PRACTITIONER HAS

11 A CURRENT PRACTITIONER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP, AND THE PATIENT IS

12 TEMPORARILY PRESENT IN THIS STATE; OR

13 (C) PURSUANT TO A CURRENT PRACTITIONER-PATIENT

14 RELATIONSHIP, AND SUCH CARE IS LIMITED TO TEMPORARY OR

15 SHORT-TERM FOLLOW-UP MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES TO

16 ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE.

17 (2) BY ENGAGING IN TELEHEALTH WITH A PATIENT LOCATED IN

18 THIS STATE, A LICENSED PRACTITIONER EXEMPTED FROM COLORADO

19 LICENSURE UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(i)(II) OF THIS SECTION CONSENTS TO

20 THE APPLICABLE COLORADO LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING

21 THE LICENSED PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSION; THE JURISDICTION OF

22 COLORADO; AND THE JURISDICTION OF THE APPLICABLE LICENSING BOARD

23 REGULATING THE LICENSED PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSION, INCLUDING THE

24 LICENSING BOARD'S COMPLAINT, INVESTIGATION, AND HEARING PROCESS

25 AND ABILITY TO SEEK INJUNCTIONS AND IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES AND

26 FINES.

27 **12-223-114. License expiration - license renewal - continuing**

1 **education - rules.** (1) THE DIRECTOR MAY RENEW LICENSES UPON  
2 SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION, PAYMENT OF  
3 THE RENEWAL FEE, AND THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CONTINUING  
4 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE HOURS  
5 OF CONTINUING EDUCATION EVERY FIVE YEARS, AS ADOPTED BY RULE.

6 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING CONTINUING  
7 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWING LICENSES.

8 **12-223-115. Penalties.** (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PRACTICES OR  
9 OFFERS OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-223-111  
10 COMMITS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-407  
11 (1)(a)(V)(Y).

12 (2) IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENALTIES OR REMEDIES IMPOSED  
13 PURSUANT TO, OR RULES ADOPTED UNDER, THIS ARTICLE 223, THE  
14 DIRECTOR MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
15 SECTION 12-20-404 (1)(c) AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES A  
16 PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 223.

17 (3) IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENALTIES OR REMEDIES PURSUANT TO,  
18 OR RULES ADOPTED UNDER, THIS ARTICLE 223, THE DIRECTOR MAY ASSESS  
19 AND COLLECT ALL COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH DISCIPLINARY  
20 ACTIONS, INCLUDING INVESTIGATOR FEES, STENOGRAPHER FEES,  
21 ATTORNEY FEES, AND HEARING COSTS.

22 **12-223-116. Repeal of article - review of functions.** THIS  
23 ARTICLE 223 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2035. BEFORE THE  
24 REPEAL, THIS ARTICLE 223 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE  
25 WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-202, **amend**  
27 (3)(e)(X) and (3)(e)(XI); and **add** (3)(e)(XII) as follows:



1           **12-20-202. Licenses, certifications, and registrations - renewal**  
2           **- reinstatement - fees - occupational credential portability program**  
3           **- exceptions for military personnel, spouses, gold star military**  
4           **spouses, and dependents - rules - consideration of criminal**  
5           **convictions or driver's history - executive director authority -**  
6           **definitions. (3) Occupational credential portability program -**  
7           **definitions. (e) Subsections (3)(a) to (3)(d) of this section do not apply**  
8           **to the following professions or occupations:**

9                   (X) Direct-entry midwives, regulated pursuant to article 225 of  
10           this title 12; ~~or~~

11                   (XI) Surgical assistants and surgical technologists, regulated  
12           pursuant to article 310 of this title 12; OR

13                   (XII) DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO  
14           ARTICLE 223 OF THIS TITLE 12.

15           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-407, **add**  
16           (1)(a)(V)(Y) as follows:

17                   **12-20-407. Unauthorized practice of profession or occupation**  
18           **- penalties - exclusions. (1) (a) A person commits a class 2 misdemeanor**  
19           **and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501 if the person:**

20                   (V) Practices or offers or attempts to practice any of the following  
21           professions or occupations without an active license, certification, or  
22           registration issued under the part or article of this title 12 governing the  
23           particular profession or occupation:

24                   (Y) MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, AS REGULATED UNDER  
25           ARTICLE 223 OF THIS TITLE 12.

26           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-724, **amend**  
27           (6)(s) and (6)(t); and **add** (6)(u) as follows:

1           **6-1-724. Unlicensed alternative health-care practitioners -**  
2           **deceptive trade practices - short title - legislative declaration -**  
3           **definitions.** (6) A complementary and alternative health-care practitioner

4           providing complementary and alternative health-care services under this  
5           section who is not licensed, certified, or registered by the state shall not:

6           (s) Recommend the discontinuation of a course of care, including  
7           a prescription drug, that was recommended or prescribed by a health-care  
8           professional; ~~or~~

9           (t) Hold ~~oneself~~ THEMSELF out as OR state, indicate, advertise, or  
10          imply to a client or prospective client that ~~he or she~~ THE HEALTH-CARE  
11          PRACTITIONER is a physician, surgeon, or both, or that ~~he or she is~~ THEY  
12          ARE a health-care professional who is licensed, certified, or registered by  
13          the state; OR

14          (u) PROVIDE MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, AS REGULATED UNDER  
15          ARTICLE 223 OF TITLE 12, UNLESS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION PURSUANT  
16          TO SECTION 12-223-113.

17          **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 6-1-707  
18          (1)(b).

19          **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**  
20          (36)(a)(VII) as follows:

21          **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
22          **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
23          **declaration - repeal.** (36) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both  
24          are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2035:

25          (VII) THE REGULATION OF DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS IN  
26          ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 223 OF TITLE 12.

27          **SECTION 7. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal

1 year, \$100,934 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies.

2 This appropriation is from the division of professions and occupations

3 cash fund created in section 12-20-105 (3), C.R.S. To implement this act,

4 the department may use this appropriation as follows:

5 (a) \$53,152 for use by the division of professions and occupations

6 for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the

7 division will require an additional 0.5 FTE;

8 (b) \$7,310 for use by the division of professions and occupations

9 for operating expenses; and

10 (c) \$40,122 for the purchase of legal services.

11 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$40,122 is appropriated to

12 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds

13 received from the department of regulatory agencies under subsection

14 (1)(c) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department

15 of law will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the

16 department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for

17 the department of regulatory agencies.

18 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

19 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following

20 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the

21 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant

22 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an

23 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,

24 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the

25 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take

26 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the

27 governor.

1           (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the  
2   applicable effective date of this act.