

CUSTOMARY, AND REASONABLE CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE IF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THAT THE SERVICES ARE MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, DIABETES, MALNUTRITION, CANCER, CEREBRAL VASCULAR DISEASE, OR KIDNEY DISEASE.

(2) APPLICATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS LIMITED TO SIX VISITS WITH A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST DURING A 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR EACH CONDITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND TO SERVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY ONLY IF PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TREATMENT OF A CONDITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) COVERAGE NOT REQUIRED.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A NUTRITIONIST OR DIETITIAN.

(C) SERVICES PROVIDED TO HOSPITAL PATIENT.

IF A SERVICE COVERED UNDER A POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS PROVIDED TO A HOSPITAL PATIENT BY A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST:

(1) THE USUAL, CUSTOMARY, AND REASONABLE CHARGES OF THE DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL CHARGES; AND

(2) THE DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST MAY NOT BILL THE PATIENT SEPARATELY FOR THE SERVICE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, §§ 354Z(e), 470U(e), and 477AA(e).

In subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section, the references to a policy, contract, or certificate "described in § 15-701(a) of this subtitle" are added to clarify the applicability of the provisions.

In subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section, the former references to "nutritional" services are deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference in subsection (a)(1) of this section to services "rendered by a dietitian or nutritionist licensed under the Health Occupations Article".

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to charges "for services rendered by" a dietitian or nutritionist is substituted for the former references to charges "of" a dietitian or nutritionist for clarity.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the references to six visits "with a dietitian or nutritionist" for each condition "described in paragraph (1) of this subsection" are added for clarity. Similarly, the references to services for "the treatment of" obesity only "if provided" in conjunction with the treatment of a