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Section 40621@ Competent Professional Authority

## **40621 Competent Professional Authority**

Competent professional authority means an individual on the staff of the local agency authorized to determine nutritional risk and prescribe supplemental foods. The following persons are the only persons the State agency may authorize to serve as a competent professional authority. Physicians, nutritionists (bachelor's or master's degree in Nutritional Sciences, Community Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition, Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition or Home Economics with emphasis in Nutrition), dietitians, registered nurses, licensed physician assistants, or State or local medically trained health officials approved by the Department. A state or local medically trained health official shall serve as a competent professional authority if in the opinion of the registered dietitian who supervises the individual, the individual has adequate education, employment, and/or training to enable the individual to determine nutritional risk and prescribe supplemental foods, and the Department concurs with the opinion of the registered dietitian. The registered dietitian submits to the Department a statement concerning an individual's training, education and employment which the Department reviews.