

74715 Diet Counseling Services

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When an agency provides or arranges for diet counseling services, these services shall be given in accordance with the plan of treatment, and by or under the supervision of a dietitian.

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Diet counseling personnel duties include: (1) Assisting the physician and other agency personnel in evaluating the dietary needs of the patient. (2) Assisting the patient and family to understand, accept and follow dietary modifications ordered by the physician. (3) Observing, recording and reporting to the physician and the nurse supervisor the patient's reaction to dietary treatment and any related changes in the patient's condition. (4) Instructing, supervising or counseling other members of the health care team including, when appropriate, home health aides and family members regarding the dietary care of the patient. (5) Participating in in-service education program.

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