

FREQUENTLY USED CODES FOR NUTRITION SERVICES

Compared with other Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the medical nutrition therapy (MNT) CPT codes best describe the services that registered dietitians (RD) provide to patients/clients receiving medical nutrition therapy services for a particular disease or condition. The codes are used by many third party payers, including Medicare.

- 97802: Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
- 97803: re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
- 97804: group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes

Healthcare Common Procedure Codes (HCPCS) occasionally used by RDs include:

- G0270: Medical Nutrition Therapy; reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following second referral in same year for change in diagnosis, medical condition, or treatment regimen (including additional hours needed for renal disease), individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes.
- G0271: group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes

Additional CPT codes occasionally used by RDs include*:

- 98960: Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, non-physician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face-to-face with the patient (could include caregiver/family) each 30 minutes; individual patient
- 98961: each 30 minutes; 2-4 patients
- 98962: each 30 minutes; 5-8 patients
- 99371: Telephone call by physician to patient or for consultation or medical management with other health care professionals...; simple or brief
- 99372: Telephone call...; intermediate
- 99071: Educational supplies, such as books, tapes, and pamphlets, provided by the physician for the patient's education at cost to physician.

* Provider contracts or payer policies may also specify CPT codes to use for nutrition services.

