

# Commonly Used Outpatient Dietitian Procedures/Codes

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Type of Insurance	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial Plans (group or individual)	None Self-Pay			
<b>Eligibility</b>	Age 65+ Age 18+ if disabled	Any age Income based	Any age Based on employment	Any Age			
<b>Fee Notes / Billing</b>	Charges are submitted to Medicare; provider/facility agrees to accept the Medicare rate as 'payment in full', i.e. patient is NOT balance-billed.	Charges are submitted to Medicaid; provider/facility agrees to accept the Medicaid rate as 'payment in full', i.e. patient is NOT balance-billed.	Charge are submitted to insurance company: -if covered, Plan reimburses the provider up to contracted rate -if denied, patient is balance billed 100% of provider/facility fee	Patient is direct billed for 100% of provider/facility fee.			
<b>CPT Codes: Medical Nutrition Therapy*</b>							
Code	Description	Billing Units	Notes	Covered Health Conditions:			
97802	Individual (1 <sup>st</sup> apt)	Each 15 minutes	-For Calendar Year 1, codes 97802 & 97803 may be used for up to 3 hours; then switch to a G code (may bill for up to 10 hours, for Diabetes) -For subsequent calendar years: these codes may be used up to 2 hours  Reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dr. referral in same year for change in diagnosis, med condition or treatment regimen	-Diabetes -Renal Disease (non-dialysis) -Kidney Transplant in past 36 months  *A physician referral is required when the patient is 1 <sup>st</sup> diagnosed  *A physician referral is required each subsequent year, for MNT services to be covered by Medicare	Varies by insurance carrier/plan; each must be contacted to determine what health conditions are covered under MNT codes:  -Nutritional Counseling -Health Home Counseling for pts with 2+ of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HTN</li> <li>• Overweight</li> <li>• Heart disease</li> <li>• Diabetes (G codes)</li> <li>• Asthma</li> <li>• Substance Abuse</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> </ul>	Varies by insurance carrier/plan, & may vary by Employer. Health Plan must be contacted to determine which (if any) RD codes are covered.	Any condition. Patient is direct billed for 100% of provider/facility fee.
97803	Individual (2 <sup>nd</sup> apt, plus)	Each 15 minutes					
97804	Group: 2 or more	Each 30 minutes					
G0270	Individual	Each 15 minutes					
G0271	Group: 2 or more	Each 30 minutes					
<b>CPT Codes: Diabetes Self-Management Trainings</b>							
Code	Description	Billing Units	Notes	Covered Health Condition: Diabetes			
G0108	Individual	Per 30 minutes	-Initial Year: up to 10 hrs within a continuous 12 month period -Subsequent Yrs: up to 2 hrs, each yr	Covered, when conducted as part of an accredited program	Varies by insurance carrier/plan, & may vary by Employer. Contact plan to determine coverage.	Patient is direct billed for 100% of provider/facility fee.	
G0109	Group: 2 or more	Per 30 minutes					
<b>CPT Codes: Intensive Behavior Therapy (IBT)</b>							
Code	Description	Billing Units	Notes	Covered Health Condition: Obesity, BMI ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			
G0447	Individual	Up to 2 units - 15 minutes each**	Preventive Visit for Obesity -up to 22 visits in 12 month period -1 visit/week for 1 <sup>st</sup> month; 1 visit every other week for months 2 – 6 -At 6 month visit, reassess, pt must have lost at least 6.6 lbs to continued	Covered, when: -Z code for BMI -RDNs provide service as 'auxiliary personnel' -Bill as 'incident to' Physician	Varies by insurance carrier/plan; each must be contacted to determine if MNT services for obesity are covered.	Not covered by private insurances; pt should check insurance plan to see if MNT services for obesity are covered.	Patient is direct billed for 100% of provider/facility fee.
G0473	Group: 2 to 10 people	30 minutes					

Note: these services are all for Face-to-Face consults, not Telehealth.

\*\*Effective: October 1, 2017 – increased from 1 to 2

Source: <https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/nutrition-therapy-services.html>

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c18.pdf>

Source: [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)