

**Relevant notes for Medicare provider referring for MNT (to the best of our knowledge)**

Medicare Part B Documentation Requirements: (*Recommendations to facilitate timely and accurate billing)	Patient name/medical record number <b>Qualifying medical diagnosis</b> <b>Written provider referral</b> <b>Physician signature</b> RD name and signature Date of service Time in, time out and total time (to calculate number of units) MNT CPT Code Individual or group encounter* Visit number with cumulative time spent with patient to date*
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Qualifying Diagnoses: Diabetes\*

Type 1

Type 2

Gestational

Renal:

Non-dialysis kidney disease

Post-kidney transplants

Diabetes\* is a condition of abnormal glucose metabolism diagnosed using the following criteria:

FBS > 126 mg/dl on two different occasions

Two-hour post-glucose challenge > 200 mg/dl on two different occasions; or,

A random glucose test over 200 mg/dl for a person with symptoms of uncontrolled diabetes

Referring (Licensed) Providers: Treating physician – **A treating physician means the primary care physician or specialist coordinating care for the beneficiary with diabetes or renal disease.**

Provider Referral: A referral may only be made by the treating physician when the patient has been diagnosed with diabetes or renal disease with documentation maintained by the referring physician in the patient's medical record. **Referral must be made for each episode of care as a result of a change in medical condition or diagnosis.** The National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the referring physician must be on the CMS-1500 claim form.

DSMT Benefit and CMS considers DSMT and MNT complementary services. **This means Medicare will cover both DSMT and MNT Benefit: MNT without decreasing either benefit as long as the referring physician determines that both are medically necessary.**

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<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R673CP.pdf>  
<https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00126165>

A note to providers:

Ginger Spice Health, LLC offers discount to Medicare patients for self-pay for other conditions than above (after they agree and sign the Advance Beneficiary Notice).