

One-Pager Summary for MN Medicaid Provider Referring for MNT (to the best of our knowledge)

Preventive Health Services: A health service provided to a patient to avoid or minimize the occurrence or recurrence of illness, infection, disability or other health condition. **MHCP covers Grade A and B preventive services that the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends.** (<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation-topics/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations>)

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.**

Medical Nutritional Therapy (MNT) Medical Nutritional Therapy (MNT) is a preventive health service designed to assess and minimize the problems hindering normal nutrition, and to improve the patient's nutritional status. MNT services may be provided in a physician's office, clinic or outpatient hospital setting. Medical necessity must be documented in the member's medical record.

Licensed dieticians and licensed nutritionists enrolled with MHCP may provide MNT and Diabetic Outpatient Self-Management (DSMT) services for MHCP fee-for-service (FFS) members when prescribed or referred by a physician.

The medical professionals who may prescribe or refer members for MNT & DSMT services include:

- Physicians
- Advanced practice registered nurses
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Nurse practitioner
- Nurse midwife
- Physician assistant

Providers should contact the [managed care organization \(MCO\) provider services](#) call center about coverage before providing services to MHCP members enrolled in an MCO.

Eligible Providers

- Licensed dietitian
- Licensed nutritionist

Eligible Members

MA and MinnesotaCare members are eligible for MNT.

MNT is a preventive health service and is **NOT** a covered service under the following programs: Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA)
 MinnesotaCare limited benefit (MLB)

Covered Medical Nutritional Therapy Services Covered services include the following: Evaluation Follow-up Group counseling prescribed by a physician

Counseling to assess and minimize problems hindering normal nutrition, and to improve the patient's nutritional status.	97802 – initial individual 97803 – reassess individual 97804 – group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physicians• Licensed dieticians• Licensed nutritionist	Bill 15 minute unit. Medical nutritional therapy (MNT) is reimbursed when a licensed dietitian or nutritionist is under the supervision of a physician.
Reassessment due to change in diagnosis, medical condition or treatment regimen requiring a second referral in the same year.	G0270 – individual G0271 – group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physicians• RNs• Licensed dieticians• Licensed nutritionist	Bill 15 minute unit. MNT is reimbursed when a licensed dietitian or nutritionist is under the supervision of a physician.

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