

Amend HB 1252 on third reading as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 9, immediately before "A provider", insert "(a)".

(2) On page 2, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(b) Consistent with a medical direction or authorization as provided by Subsection (c), a licensed dietitian acting within the scope of the person's license in a licensed facility that provides screening, diagnosis, or treatment services to a patient as described by Subsection (a), may:

(1) accept, transcribe into the patient's medical record, or transmit verbal or electronically transmitted orders, including medication orders, relating to the implementation or provision of medical nutrition therapy and related medical protocols for the patient or a group of patients from a physician to another authorized health care professional; or

(2) order medical laboratory tests relating to the implementation or provision of medical nutrition therapy and related medical protocols for the patient or a group of patients.

(c) A medical direction or authorization required by Subsection (b) must be provided through a physician's order, standing medical order, standing delegation order, or medical protocol issued in accordance with Subchapter A, Chapter 157, Occupations Code, and rules adopted by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners under that subchapter.