

Licensure Map Update for Academy Members

May 22, 2023 – In response to member requests and suggestions for clarity, the Academy has updated the [licensure map](#) available on eatrightPRO.org. The improvements reflect a new, more judicious approach to the map to ensure members have the information necessary to practice lawfully. To view the information for your state, simply click on the state and a pop-out box will appear with links for more information. If you prefer to view the content in a different format, [this eatrightPRO page](#) features statute and regulatory information for your state, as well as links to your state's board/agency website, in a list form.

Over the past few years, questions regarding practice across state lines and telehealth have dominated the Academy's weekly Licensure Office Hours, with many inquiries resulting from confusion regarding the map. The retired map featured colors that did not convey additional factors that increasingly require consideration, such as state telehealth laws, payer requirements, exemptions or exceptions, requirements of liability insurance or whether care constitutes medical treatment.

Medical nutrition therapy is a medical treatment. Like other medical treatments provided by non-physician practitioners, registered dietitian nutritionists generally can practice MNT because of licensure and certification laws which provide authority for RDNs to provide this medical service. It is with this understanding the Academy strongly recommends, unless there is an applicable exception or exemption or a state does not provide for licensure or certification requirements, practitioners hold licensure or certification in all states where the practitioner's clients or patients are located when services are provided.

In addition to the map, the content that appears on this page should also be reviewed and considered collectively when using this resource to determine how a particular state approaches nutrition and dietetics regulation. This eatrightPRO.org page addresses: pathways to licensure; exceptions/exemptions; temporary/provisional licensure; title protection without licensure or certification; and telehealth.

One question that is often asked given the inconsistencies of licensure laws is what the Academy is doing to help make it easier to practice across state lines and to get licensed in more than one state. The Academy's [exploration of a licensure compact](#) for the profession is currently underway, which would potentially revolutionize the ability of RDNs to lawfully practice in multiple states through a streamlined and facilitated process. Licensure compacts have been the solution for lawful multistate practice for many health professions including nursing, physicians, physical therapy, counseling and occupational therapy.

The **Licensure Initiatives Affinity Group**, which meets the second Tuesday each month, from 3-4 p.m. (Eastern Time) is a member-led [forum-based discussion](#) focused on licensure priorities and strategies. These informative meetings are a place to give power to the voice of members and to engage in advocacy to make a difference for the profession.

For individual questions on licensure, telehealth or other consumer protection issues, [join](#) the Academy's weekly **Licensure Office Hours**, held Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

The Academy welcomes your questions and feedback! If you are unable to participate in office hours or the affinity group, utilize this [form](#) (also available at the bottom of the licensure map page)

to submit questions and share thoughts on how the Academy can continue to improve its licensure resources for members.