

# Nutrition Services Delivery and Payment: The Business of Every Academy Member HOD Fact Sheet

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House of Delegates

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## HOD Fact Sheet: Outcomes of the Fall 2013 HOD Meeting

The House of Delegates (HOD) conducted a dialogue on Nutrition Services Delivery and Payment on October 18-19, 2013. Over 185 delegates and interested Academy members convened in Houston, Texas to discuss this mega issue over two days. The backgrounder is available on the Academy Website at [www.eatright.org/hod](http://www.eatright.org/hod) >Fall 2013 HO D Meeting> Meeting Materials. Prior to the meeting, delegates conducted a dialogue on where they work and how their services are paid for, as well as obtained this information from their constituents. This fact sheet provides a summary of the outcomes of the meeting.

The purpose of the dialogue session was for delegates and meeting participants to:

1. Identify relevant stakeholders and their needs.
2. Comprehend the impact that current and evolving health care delivery and payment models will have on **ALL** areas of practice.
3. Give examples of successful integration into evolving delivery and payment models.
4. Communicate the need for nutrition and dietetics practitioners to be an essential part of evolving health care delivery and payment models.
5. Promote information to members and stakeholders and encourage members to utilize Academy resources.
6. Empower members to lead efforts and seize opportunities to provide cost-effective nutrition services to optimize the public's health.

During the meeting, the House of Delegates completed the following activities:

1. Identified key stakeholders and their needs as it relates to delivery and payment models;
2. Identified a number of gaps to address the issue;
3. Identified opportunities to close the gaps; and,
4. Identified actions that members and the Academy can do to address this critical issue facing the profession.

## Overview of the Process for Conducting this Dialogue Session

The purpose of the House of Delegates is to govern the profession of dietetics. As part of the House's role in governing the profession, the following steps were taken for conducting the dialogue session on Nutrition Services Delivery and Payment.

1. Released a backgrounder on the topic for dialogue on August 1. The backgrounder "Nutrition Services Delivery and Payment: The Business of Every Academy Member" was released to the HOD and the membership.
2. Solicited input to the backgrounder: Members were asked to submit information on where they work and how their services are paid for by September 30.

3. Delegates posted their feedback, as well as the feedback from their members between August 1 and September 30. These comments can be reviewed on the HOD Website at [www.eatright.org/hod](http://www.eatright.org/hod) >Fall 2013 HOD Meeting> Meeting Materials.
4. Conducted a dialogue on the topic.
5. Dialogue workbooks were consolidated and released to the HOD and membership at [www.eatright.org/hod](http://www.eatright.org/hod) >Fall 2013 HOD Meeting> Meeting Materials.
6. At the end of the dialogue session, three motions were developed which identified a series of next steps.

### **What are the next steps following the HOD Meeting?**

As a result of the dialogue, three motions were developed and approved by the HOD. The HOD requests:

- The Coding and Coverage Committee and Legislative and Public Policy Committee to develop an action plan that addresses current Academy resources available and future educational and practice resources needed for practitioners, educators, students and interns.
- ACEND, NDEP, CDR and the Committee for Professional Development to consider the Fall HOD Meeting dialogue in addressing current and future educational needs, practitioner competencies, and potential for establishment of a certificate program.
- The Academy to develop a communications and marketing plan that provides key messages specific to delivery and payment models for the RDN and uses a variety of communication modalities to appeal to the different stakeholder audiences.

Each organizational unit will provide a report to the HOD by May 1, 2014.

Watch for further updates on this Fall HOD Meeting topic. Please feel free to contact your delegate to learn more ([link to the Online Directory for HOD](#)).