

## VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONISTS

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing VA's standard of practice for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs); this will be a standardized set of services that all VA RDNs can perform if their VA medical facility performs such services, and they have the education, training, and skill to perform the services.

On March 14, 2023, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for RDNs on the Federal Register ([88 FR 156860](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/14/2023-05166)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters to the national registration body (the Commission on Dietetic Registration) and State licensing boards for RDNs with the proposed VA standard of practice and an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested that all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the States be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on May 15, 2023, and VA received 154 comments in total.



VA received 108 comments from VA employees, 29 comments from individuals from the public, 1 comment from the Commission on Dietetic Registration, and 1 comment from the American Nutrition Association. As of May 15, 2023, VA received comments from 15 out of the 46 State licensing boards for RDNs; however, VA will continue to actively engage with States.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for RDNs in light of the comments, to include those that help VA meet its mission and goals through evidence-based practice and alternatives.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardspractice> once the VA standard of practice for RDNs is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.