DTR AUTONOMY DECISION TREE

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DOES THIS ACTIVITY PROVIDE DIRECT NUTRITION CARE TO AN INDIVIDUAL?

- NO. Work involves population level nutrition services. → Am I competent to perform the activity?
- YES → Is this person otherwise healthy?

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- YES → Are there regulations or organizational policies prohibiting DTRs from performing?
  - YES → You may not perform the activity if there are regulatory or organizational impediments.
  - NO → You may be able to work autonomously – without direct supervision of an RDN. Verify if any liability insurance is required.
- NO → Can I obtain additional education, training to become competent?
  - YES → Only perform the activity after your competence has been evaluated and documented.
  - NO → You may not perform the activity if your competence has not been evaluated. Refer to another practitioner.

Is this person otherwise healthy?

- YES → DTR may work autonomously providing publicly available nutrition-related information.
- NO → Must work in RD-DTR Team. The RD is ultimately responsible for work completed by the DTR when engaged in direct nutrition care to individuals.

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