

The updated list comprises 88 terms and 10 categories and is being announced via the Academy marketing mediums and is posted onto the Academy Website.

The NEW Definition of Terms Webpage located - <https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/quality-management/definition-of-terms> - includes the following:

- **Definition of Terms List**
- **Definition of Terms Policy**
- **Essential Academy Resources Support Quality and Expand Practice** — *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, June 2020
- **Definition of Terms Form** - Want to suggest a new term or modification to an existing term? An Academy Committee, Organizational Unit, or Group should complete and submit the Form in its entirety.
- **Webinar** is provided that discusses the Definition of Terms List and includes:
  - ✓ History, Purpose, Charge
  - ✓ Five-Year Review Process
  - ✓ Updates to the List
  - ✓ Application of the List
  - ✓ 2020 Publication

#### Additional Information:

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Definition of Terms List is a reference that houses terms, definitions, and key considerations to support the profession of nutrition and dietetics. The terms and definitions are used in a variety of ways including organization requirements, public policy development, regulations related to professional licensure, and as needed by academia, research, professional publications, employers, industry, and practitioners and members. Since August 2012, the Academy Definition of Terms List has been available as open access on the Academy Website available to all credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners, members and non-members. Terms are reviewed, revised, and added per the needs of the profession over time.

##### **HISTORY AND TIMELINE OF SCHEDULED, COMPREHENSIVE REVIEWS:**

- 2000: Definitions were developed as a response to a call for consistent terms across the nutrition and dietetics profession due to the federal law allowing Medicare Medical Nutrition Therapy benefit provider status to RDNs.
- 2003: The Academy, then the American Dietetic Association, established the Practice Definitions Task Force to ensure the pertinent issues of scope of professional practice and standards for credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners were defined.
- 2011: The Definitions of Terms List underwent a thorough review with publication in August 2012. The revision coincided with the development of the Comprehensive Scope/Standards of Practice/Decision Tool Resources *JAND* June 2013 supplement.
- 2015: The Definition of Terms List, per schedule, was published in December 2015 after a complete review and revision process.
- 2020: A wide-ranging revision was conducted by the Definitions of Terms Task Force and the Quality Management Committee members and staff from January 2019 – March 2020. The updated Definition of Terms List was presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval in May 2020.

By the end of June 2020, the Academy Practice Tips and Case Studies will be updated and will reflect the new terms and definitions. In the coming months resources such as brochures and articles will also be modified with accurate links and citations.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Quality Management at [quality@eatright.org](mailto:quality@eatright.org).