

HB 6238 was formally introduced, and referred to the Human Services Committee. This is a huge step towards improving coverage for MNT (Medical Nutrition Therapy).

HB 6238: AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CERTIFIED DIETITIAN-NUTRITIONISTS.

Purpose: To help reduce the death rate from nutrition-related chronic diseases exacerbated by food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are the next steps:

1. If you live in a district represented by a member of the Human Services Committee, please send a message to ask for support for HB6238.
2. Even if you don't live in one of these districts, you can still send a message to one (or all!) of the Committee members asking for support of this bill. You can also send a message to your elected Senator and Representative asking for support. State Senator Saud Anwar, MD has already signed on as a co-sponsor.

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Sample Wording for Message

Title of Email/Message: Support HB 6238

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

Connecticut residents covered by Medicaid need access to nutrition therapy provided by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). As you may know, currently there is NO coverage for nutrition services for CT residents on Medicaid. As (a member of the Human Services Committee/my elected representative) I urge you to support HB 6238.

Medical Nutrition Therapy is a cost-effective component of treatment for chronic disease. This bill is especially important for minority and low-income families that have long faced chronic disease health disparities due to socioeconomic inequalities, and have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Your Name, Credential, Job title

Your City/Town