

Weekly Updates from the Academy, Week of 9/9/14

National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act – Action Alert Needs More Help Today!

We are continuing to ask your help in promoting the Action Alert for HR 1074. **The action alert will close on September 15, 2014.** There are 160 cosponsors and we are getting closer to our goal of 200.

Over 3199 letters have been sent by 2585 Academy members or 4.3 % to 422 Representatives.

Academy DPG Experts Needed

The Academy is considering commenting on a number of proposed regulations, regulatory guidance, and information/data collections in the next month. If you are interested in contributing to the Academy's responses to these regulatory initiatives, please [contact](#) Pepin Tuma, Director of Regulatory Affairs. Please note that regulatory comments are particularly time sensitive. In drafting comments and taking associated stances, the Academy works closely with member experts in relevant DPGs, but wants to ensure all members have the ability to provide evidence-based input. To read more about the proposed rules, click on the links below. The dates noted are the deadline for submitting input to the Academy's Regulatory Affairs department.

- [School Wellness Policy Evaluation](#) (September 28th)
- [Infant Recall Info Collection](#) (September 28th)

Healthy People 2020 Webinar on Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease

Healthy People 2020 will be hosting a [webinar](#) on September 29th from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm ET on *Prevention, Treatment, and Care of Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease: A Healthy People 2020 Progress Report*. Both diabetes and chronic kidney disease (CKD)—medical nutrition therapy for which RDNs are reimbursed in Medicare and private insurance—are two of the topic areas selected to study improved health outcomes; this webinar will focus on tracking and measuring the progress of the [key objectives](#).

FROM EAT RIGHT WEEKLY:

Academy Submits Comments on 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

As part of its ongoing efforts to ensure appropriate recognition and payment to registered dietitian nutritionists under the Medicare Part B program, the Academy has submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding CMS' proposed rule "Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2015."

[Learn More >>](#)

USDA Sets Record Straight on Bake Sales

As the school year starts and the new Smart Snacks in Schools rule begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued clarified information on the impact of these new rules on school fundraisers.

[Learn More >>](#)

Wear Orange: September Is Hunger Action Month

During September, a nationwide campaign is mobilizing the public to take action on the issue of hunger, which affects one in seven Americans, or an estimated 46.5 million people each year. Supporters of Hunger Action Month are wearing orange on Thursday, September 4, to kick off the month and bring attention to this critical issue.

[Learn More >>](#)

Study Emphasizes Importance of Preventing Diabetes to Lower Health Care Costs

Worldwide diabetes prevalence for adults is projected to increase from 8.3 percent in 2011 to 9.9 percent by 2030, according to a new study published by the American Academy of Actuaries titled "Curbing the High Cost of Diabetes."

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Farm to School in Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2015

During the past year, the National Farm to School Network has been engaging in dialogue with partners and gathering information on how the farm to school movement can be enhanced in the 2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization.

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USDA Stakeholder Meeting - School Meals

The Academy continues to engage stakeholders in implementing and strengthening new school meal nutrition standards required by the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

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