

MAINE DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

JOB DESCRIPTION: State Regulatory Specialist

The state regulatory specialist is a voting member of the MDA board, attends all board meetings and serves a three year term. The ideal candidate would have prior public policy experience.

The State Regulatory Specialist is responsible for:

- Tracking state regulatory issues of importance to Registered Dietitians/Dietetic Technicians, Registered and overseeing the affiliate's response to emerging opportunities and challenges.
- Tracking and initiating work with the state agencies managed by the governor. The SRS would initiate meetings with state agency officials to promote access to the RD, DTR and nutrition services in state regulatory and programmatic initiatives.
- Ensuring that the affiliate has an up-to-date compendium of current statutes and rules that impact dietetics practice, including scope of practice, facility and program requirements and any other document that defines the requirements and responsibilities for dietitians in your state.
- Supporting members who connect with local contacts, including school systems, local Boards of Health, and similar groups with ADA stances and affiliate materials.
- Coordinating with the Public Policy Coordinator and the State Policy Representative on issues to assure that the affiliate stance is consistent with ADA's.
- Ensuring that the affiliate's state agency and regulatory work is consistent with the three priority goals established annually by the Public Policy Panel.
- Identifying other decision-makers within state agencies whose work will impact the affiliate's goals, particularly those that relate to access to RDs, DTRs, and nutrition services and programs.
- Consult with the ADA Washington Office and the Legislative and Public Policy Committee to coordinate ADA stances and positions on emerging regulatory issues in the states.

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