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Abstract: Authorizes a licensed dietitian or nutritionist to directly order dietary plans for patients and to request laboratory tests for monitoring the effectiveness of dietary plans.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a licensed dietitian or nutritionist to assess nutritional needs and recommend a dietary plan to the patient's primary healthcare provider.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the licensed dietitian or nutritionist to directly order the dietary plan and adds authorization for the dietitian or nutritionist to order appropriate laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of the dietary plan.

(Amends R.S. 37:3083(1)(a))