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Q: Can a Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner dictate dietary orders or are only physicians allowed to do so?

A: The following falls under F714/715:

“483.30(e) Physician delegation of tasks in SNFs. §483.30 (1) Except as specified in paragraph (e)(4) of this section, a physician may delegate tasks to a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist who— (i) Meets the applicable definition in §491.2 of this chapter or, in the case of a clinical nurse specialist, is licensed as such by the State; (ii) Is acting within the scope of practice as defined by State law; and (iii) Is under the supervision of the physician.”