

April 2024

The DCMAND Board of Directors would like to officially welcome the newly elected 2024-2025 Board Members to the team!

President-Elect: Charmaine Jones, MS, RDN, LDN Treasurer-Elect: Brianna Mullennix, MS, RDN Nominating Committee Chair: Jennifer Krasilovsky, RDN Professional Development Committee, 2nd Seat: Matthew Walker, MSFN, RD Nominating Committee, 2nd Seat: Nancy Irias If you are interested in working with these dynamic leaders and the rest of our outstanding board members, please email <u>nominating@eatrightdc.org</u> today to learn about how you can join!





DCMAND Annual Conference a Success!

The DCMAND Annual Conference was held Friday, April 12th, 2024, at Louis Health Sciences Library at Howard University. Thank you to the speakers and exhibitors both local and out-of-state! Attendees gained valuable information on a wide range of topics, ranging from the Farm Bill to culinary medicine, new drugs (GLP-1) to manage diabetes and obesity, digital health, coaching, new tools and products. Our sponsors not only helped defray registration costs but also provided in-kind contributions and swag bags containing one-pound bags of organic grain for all attendees. A special highlight of the event was the recognition of 50 years of membership within the DCMAND community, celebrating the longstanding dedication and contributions of its members.

We thank Howard University's Department of Nutritional Sciences for the partnership; Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) as our

gold sponsor; Functional Formularies and Giant Food as our silver sponsors; Rewire Health, True Made Foods Inc., and Bobbie Baby as our bronze sponsors; and also Common Grain Alliance, American College of Lifestyle Medicine, Trader Joe's, and Compass Coffee.

DCMAND looks forward to continuing to provide valuable experiences for its members in the future, and hopes to see more of the members at the 2025 conference!





The DCMAND Board of Directors would like to honor our members who are celebrating 50 years of membership in 2024! Thank you for your outstanding dedication and support over the years. We would not be where we are today without you!

Increase DCMAND Affiliate Rebate By Supporting Membership Recruitment

We are approaching the end of our 2024–2025 membership year and would like to encourage all members to renew their membership by May 31. Also, the Academy has launched a new recruitment program as of April 1. Our rebate percentage will increase by 10% for each <u>new</u> member who joins the Academy and our affiliate through December 31 for the 2024–2025 membership year using promo code **DC25**. *Promo codes are entered in the Review step of the online application and are located on the bottom right corner of the print applications*.

More information about member benefits and dues are found at <u>https://www.eatrightpro.org/member-types-and-benefits</u>.

Please encourage your colleagues and friends working in nutrition who are <u>not</u> yet members to join and use this promo code. A larger affiliate rebate will enable us to offer more benefits to our DCMAND members!

Provide Comments on Nutrition Supports in DC Medicaid Waiver

The DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is now accepting public comments on its renewal application for our Medicaid section 1115 waiver, which includes a proposal to expand food is medicine services through Medicaid to better address health-related social needs. Proposed nutrition supports include nutrition counseling and education, home-delivered meals, produce prescriptions, and cooking supplies. More information about the waiver is found at https://dhcf.dc.gov/1115-waiver-initiative. If you would like to comment about suggested additions or clarifications, you are encouraged to submit public comments to Melisa Byrd, Senior Deputy Director/State Medicaid Director, at dhcf.waiverinitiative@dc.gov by 6 PM on April 30. You can also attend one of the public hearings listed on the page linked above.

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