

Hospitals employ staff and have a system in place to ensure the nutritional needs of patients are met, they take into account and honor individual food preferences whenever possible. They support plant based food preferences and food avoidances such as processed meats. Hospitals follow the dietary requirements from Medicare, they follow the Recommended Daily Allowances when prescribing diets, these diets are developed and reviewed routinely by Dietitians. At this time this bill is not needed and will place an undue burden on hospital infrastructures and it will alienate patients seeking care. As a dietitian, I support good nutrition and avoidance of processed meats but I cannot support this bill as it does not take into account consumer choice or patient preference.

Thank you,

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