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Dear Dr. Feeney:

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The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)® Board has been closely monitoring the annual number of site visits along with the impact that the unbalanced number of site visits has on our volunteer program reviewer pool. In order to consistently maintain the quality of ACEND accreditation reviews, the ACEND Board voted at its July 29, 2022 meeting to provide a one-time one-year extension of your program's accreditation term until **December 31, 2025**. Your next site visit will now occur between **July-December 2024**. This extension will not impact the length of your program's next seven-year accreditation term.

The ACEND Board identified your program to receive this one-time exception to the accreditation term policy based on its good standing, as well as your site visit originally occurring during a high-volume cycle. Qualities of a program in good standing include those with a one-year pass rate over the past three-years on the RDN exam greater than or equal to 90%, no recent complaints against the program or focused site visits and no pending progress or interim reports. Programs meeting these criteria were randomly selected within high-volume site visit cycles.

You will receive more information about scheduling the site visit approximately one year in advance of the site visit. To view ACEND's accreditation standards, self-study report templates and other information about the accreditation process visit the website at <https://www.eatrightpro.org/ACEND>.

The ACEND Board of Directors recognizes your extraordinary efforts to provide quality education experiences to students and interns during this unprecedented time. I encourage you to contact ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400 or acend@eatright.org if you have any questions regarding this decision.

Sincerely,



James Swain, PhD, RD, LD, FAND, Chair
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