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**Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Tracy Petrillo Named  
Executive Director of Commission on Dietetic Registration**

CHICAGO – The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics welcomes back Tracy Petrillo, EdD, MS, RDN, CAE, as executive director of the Commission on Dietetic Registration, the Academy’s credentialing agency. Petrillo was the director of professional development at the Academy from 2001 to 2005 and helped establish the first Leadership Institute for members. She succeeds Christine Reidy, RD, who will retire on August 7 after 22 years as CDR’s executive director.

CDR awards credentials to individuals at entry and specialty levels who have met standards for competency to practice in the nutrition and dietetics profession, including successful completion of CDR’s national certification examination and recertification by continuing professional education or examination.

For 20 years, Petrillo has designed, developed, administered and evaluated learning, certificate, credentialing and recertification programs for a variety of audiences. She has extensive experience in exam development and administration for psychometrically valid and legally defensible programs to ensure the protection of the public.

Petrillo holds vast knowledge in competency-based learning and digital educational technologies and speaks and writes nationally for the Institute of Credentialing Excellence, digitalNow, SXSWedu, the Academy’s Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ and Academy state affiliates.

Previously, she was the chief executive officer of the Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine; chief learning officer at EDUCAUSE; interim executive director of the Arizona Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; and director of education and conferences at the League of California Cities.

Petrillo is a past chair of the Certified Association Executive Commission, a member of the American Society of Association Executives Foundation Workforce Development Task Force and the membership chair of the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Petrillo received ASAE’s 2016 Professional Performance Award, the association’s highest individual honor for exceptional leadership by a staff member, and the 2016 Change Maker Award from *MeetingsNet* magazine.

Petrillo is a certified association executive, a graduate of Penn State University and Marywood University, and earned a doctorate in educational leadership and management from Drexel University.

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