# Coding4Food

*A community-informed initiative aiming to create new HCPCS codes to define a spectrum of Food is Medicine interventions as health care services, allowing for their full integration into healthcare system infrastructure.*

## Advisory Committee

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**Background:** Codes are a critical component of our health care infrastructure system – enabling health care providers to accurately bill insurance providers for services and labor and track a patient's medical journey and outcomes by recording assessments, referrals, treatments, and procedures. As health care innovation and policy change continue to provide new and more effective tools to prevent, treat, and reverse diet-related chronic conditions, new codes must be created to reflect these new pathways of care. Despite the recent increase in interest and attention to the integration of Food is Medicine interventions into healthcare payment and delivery systems, there remains a lack of adequate codes to document and bill for these Food is Medicine interventions.

**Coding4Food:** To address this need, the Coding4Food (C4F) initiative aims to create new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to integrate a spectrum of Food is Medicine interventions into the health care system:

- Medically Tailored Meals and Groceries
- Medically Supportive Meals and Groceries
- Pantry Stocking
- Food Pharmacies
- Produce Prescriptions
- Teaching Kitchens
- Nutrition Supports

These interventions will be defined in a consensus building process with experts from across the country. The consensus building process will be facilitated by the Gravity Project in partnership with SPUR and with guidance from the C4F Advisory Committee. Project leaders expect to submit new HCPCS code submissions over 2024 with final approvals in 2025.

**Current Status:** Seeking funding support.