7 AAC 12.720 DIETETIC SERVICE.

(a) A facility which provides dietetic services must comply with the provisions of this section. (b) Except as provided in (p) of this section, a facility must employ

(1) a full-time dietitian who is registered by the American Dietetic Association; or

(2) a full-time dietetic service supervisor to supervise the dietetic service and a registered dietitian on a consulting basis.

(c) A registered dietitian must be available not less than once every three months to provide advice to the administrator and medical staff, and guidance to the supervisor and staff of the dietetic service, and shall participate in the development or revision of dietetic policies and procedures.

(e) A facility which provides dietetic services must comply with 18 AAC 31. The facility shall retain written reports of the inspections performed under 18 AAC 31.450 on file with notation of corrective actions in response to citations, if any.

...(m) Current work schedules by job titles and weekly duty schedules for dietetic service personnel must be posted in the dietetic service area and retained for at least three months.

...(o) In this section, a "dietetic service supervisor" means a person who

(1) is a graduate of a dietetic technician or dietetic manager training program, corresponding or classroom, approved by the American Dietetic Association;

(2) is a graduate of a course approved by the department that provided 90 or more hours of classroom instruction in food service supervision, and who has a minimum of two years of experience as a supervisor in a health care institution with consultation from a dietitian;

(3) has training and experience in food service supervision and management in a military service equivalent in content to the programs in (1) or (2) of this subsection;

(4) has completed all nutrition and related coursework necessary to take the registration examination required to become a registered dietitian by the American Dietetic Association;

(5) is certified by the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers of the Dietary Managers Association;

(6) has completed a dietary manager course curriculum approved by the American Dietary Manager Association, is registered by the American Dietetic Association, and is qualified to take the examination required to become certified by the certifying board for dietary managers of the Dietary Managers Association; or
(7) has at least three years of experience in institutional dietary management, 200 or more documented contact hours with a dietitian registered by the American Dietetic Association, and 30 or more continuing education credits that

(A) have been approved by the American Dietetic Association or Dietary Managers Association; and

(B) directly relate to food service management and clinical nutrition.

(p) A rural primary care hospital or a critical access hospital must have a dietitian registered by the American Dietetic Association or a dietetic service supervisor to supervise and monitor the dietary services to ensure the facility meets patients’ nutritional needs and the requirements of this section. The services of a registered dietitian or a dietetic services supervisor may be provided on a part-time, offsite basis.

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