Definition:

Dietary Manager — a person who:

1. is a licensed dietitian; or

2. is a graduate of a dietetic technician program; or

3. has successfully completed a course of study, by correspondence or classroom, which meets the eligibility requirements for certification by the Dietary Manager’s Association; or

4. has successfully completed a training course at a state approved school (vocational or university) which includes coursework in foods, food service supervision, and diet therapy.

Documentation of an eight-hour course of formalized instruction in diet therapy, conducted by the employing facility's qualified dietitian, is permissible if the course meets only the foods, and food service supervision requirements; or

5. is currently enrolled in an acceptable course of not more than 12 months which will qualify an individual upon completion.

§9817. Dietary Service Personnel

A. The nursing home shall employ a licensed dietitian either full-time, part-time or on a consultant basis. A minimum consultation time shall be not less than eight hours per month to ensure nutritional needs of residents are addressed timely. There shall be documentation to support that the consultation time was given.

B. If a licensed dietitian is not employed full-time, the nursing home shall designate a full-time person to serve as the dietary manager.

C. Residents at nutritional risk shall have an in-depth nutritional assessment conducted by the consulting dietitian.

D. The nursing home shall employ sufficient support personnel competent to carry out the functions of the dietary services.