16. Dietary services.

Dietary services must include:

1. A qualified director of dietary services must be designated to be responsible for the dietary service of the facility.

   a. A director of dietary services is:

      (1) A dietitian licensed to practice in North Dakota and registered by the American Dietetic Association;

      (2) A graduate of a dietetic technician or dietetic assistant training program approved by the American Dietetic Association;

      (3) A certified dietary manager, certified by the certifying board for dietary managers;

      (4) A graduate of a state-approved course that provides ninety or more hours of instruction in dietary service supervision in a health care institution with consultation from a licensed and registered dietitian; or

      (5) An individual trained and experienced in food service supervision and management in a military service equivalent to the program described in paragraph 2 or 4.

   b. If the director of dietary services is not a licensed and registered dietitian, regularly scheduled consultation from a consultant licensed and registered dietitian must be obtained at least monthly.

2. Dietary service personnel and all personnel who are actively engaged in assisting residents with eating must be in good health and practice hygienic food handling techniques.