8.15.a. Dietary Staffing.

8.15.a.1. Dietitian. A nursing home shall employ a qualified dietitian either full-time, part-time, or on a consultant basis.

8.15.a.1.A. A qualified dietitian is one who is registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration and licensed by the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians; or

8.15.a.1.B. Is qualified as defined by the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians, and is licensed by that board to provide professional nutritional services in West Virginia.

8.15.a.1.C. Consultation shall be based upon the residents’ needs and shall occur at intervals of no less than every thirty (30) days and for no less than eight (8) hours.

8.15.a.2. A dietary manager shall be employed if a dietitian is not employed full-time and shall be one of the following:

8.15.a.2.A. A dietetic technician, registered by the American Dietetic Association;

8.15.a.2.B. A certified dietary manager, as certified by the Dietary Manager’s Association;

8.15.a.2.C. A graduate of an associate or baccalaureate degree program in foods and nutrition or food service management.

8.15.a.3. The dietary manager, under the direction of the dietitian, is responsible for the daily operation of the dietetic service;

8.15.b. Sufficient staff. A nursing home shall employ sufficient support personnel competent to carry out the functions of the dietary service.