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...C) A nursing home may provide home-style meal or buffet service if the residents agree to participate in the meal service and the home:

1) Uses precautions to prevent contamination of food being served;

2) Assists residents when necessary; and

3) Complies with the other requirements of this rule.

For purposes of this paragraph, "home-style meal service" means a dining experience where small groups of residents sit together for a meal and each resident portions his or her own food onto his or her plate from a serving platter or bowl. The serving platter or bowl is then passed to another resident in the group. "Buffet service” means an informal meal service that is set up in a manner that allows residents to portion their own food onto their plates from a buffet of food items and transport to a table in the dining area for consumption.