Social needs.

In nursing facilities and assisted living centers the dietetic service, in cooperation with other departments or services, must meet the social needs of the residents in the dining setting. Social needs include mutually compatible seating arrangements, pleasant dining atmosphere, encouragement of interactions between residents, and food service to all residents at a table at approximately the same time.

Dining arrangements.

The facility must provide environmental and social accommodations for each patient or resident to encourage eating in the common dining area. Assistance must be provided for patients or residents in need of help in eating.