4658.0620 FREQUENCY OF MEALS.

Subpart 1. Time of meals. The nursing home must provide at least three meals daily at regular times. There must be no more than 14 hours between a substantial evening meal and breakfast the following day. A "substantial evening meal" means an offering of three or more menu items at one time, one of which is a high-quality protein such as meat, fish, eggs, or cheese.

Subp. 2. Snacks. The nursing home must offer evening snacks daily. "Offer" means having snacks available and making the resident aware of that availability.

Subp. 3. Time between meals. Up to 16 hours may elapse between a substantial evening meal and breakfast the following day if a resident group, such as the resident council, agrees to this meal span and a nourishing evening snack is provided.