12-006.04C7b Paid Dining Assistants:

When the facility utilizes persons other than a licensed registered or practical nurse or a nursing assistant for the feeding of residents, the facility must follow 172 NAC 105. Each facility must establish and implement policies and procedures:

1. To ensure that paid dining assistants providing assistance with feeding to residents in the facility meet the qualification, training and competency requirements specified in 172 NAC 105;

2. To ensure that competency assessments and/or courses for paid dining assistants have been completed in accordance with the provisions of 172 NAC 105;

3. That specify how the facility will meet the role requirements at 172 NAC 105-004, which state that paid dining assistants must:
   a. Only feed residents who have no complicated feeding problems as selected by the facility based on the resident’s latest assessment, plan of care, and determinations by the charge nurse that the resident’s condition at the time of such feeding meets that plan of care and that the paid dining assistant is competent to feed that particular resident;
   b. Work under the supervision of a licensed registered or practical nurse who is on duty, physically present in the facility, and immediately available; and
   c. Call a supervisor for help in an emergency;

4. That specify how the facility will meet the requirements at 172 NAC 105-007, which state that the facility must maintain:
   a. A listing of all paid dining assistants employed at the facility and the number of hours worked;
   b. For each individual paid dining assistant:
      (1) Verification of successful completion of an approved paid dining assistant training course and competency evaluation, and
      (2) Verification that the facility has made checks with the Nurse Aide Registry, the Adult Protective Services Central Registry, and the central register of child protection cases maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services if applicable; and

5. That address how supervision of paid dining assistants will occur and how paid dining assistants will be identified as single-task workers.

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Paid Dining Assistant

Nursing Home Requirements

Each nursing home must maintain:

1. A listing of all paid dining assistants employed at the facility and the number of hours worked;

2. For each individual paid dining assistant:
   a. Verification of successful completion of an approved paid dining assistant training course and competency evaluation; and
   b. Verification that the facility has made checks with the Nurse Aide Registry, the Adult Protective Services Central Registry, and the Child Central Registry if applicable.

Facilities who utilize paid dining assistants must have policies and procedures that address how supervision of paid dining assistants will occur and how paid dining assistants will be identified as single task workers for the purposes of the paid dining assistant regulations.