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CHAPTER 1: DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meanings as specified:

“Feeding Assistants” are paid staff, who have successfully completed a State-approved training program and who assist residents with their meals. Feeding assistants are not considered direct care staff.

CHAPTER 8: PERSONNEL

8.D. Personnel Records

8.D.1. Employee Record on File

e. Feeding Assistants

All nursing facilities shall maintain a record of the individuals who have successfully completed a State-approved feeding assistance program. Feeding assistants shall not feed residents who require the assistance of staff with more specialized training, such as residents with recurrent lung aspirations, difficulty swallowing, on feeding tubes, and parenteral or IV feedings.

CHAPTER 9: RESIDENT CARE STAFFING

9.B. Assignment of Tasks

9.B.5. Feeding Assistants

All trained feeding assistants shall work under the supervision of a registered or licensed practical nurse. The decision to allow a feeding assistant to feed a resident is based on the charge nurse’s assessment and the resident’s latest assessment and plan of care. Facilities are responsible for any adverse actions resulting from the use of feeding assistants.