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TITLE 40: SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

PART 1: DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES CHAPTER 19: NURSING FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND MEDICAID CERTIFICATION

SUBCHAPTER L: DIETARY SERVICES

RULE §19.1113 Paid Feeding Assistants

(a) State-approved training course. The facility may use a paid feeding assistant, if the paid feeding assistant has successfully completed a state-approved training course that meets the requirements of §19.1115 of this chapter (relating to Requirements for Training of Paid Feeding Assistants) before feeding residents. The facility must not use any individual working in the facility as a paid feeding assistant unless that individual has successfully completed the state-approved training course for paid feeding assistants.

(b) Supervision. A paid feeding assistant must work under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse. In an emergency, a paid feeding assistant must call a supervisory nurse for help. A paid feeding assistant can only feed residents in the dining room.

(c) Resident selection criteria.

(1) The facility must ensure that a paid feeding assistant only feed residents who have no complicated feeding problems, which include difficulty swallowing, recurrent lung aspirations, and tube or parenteral/IV feedings.

(2) The facility must base resident selection on the charge nurse's assessment and the resident's latest assessment and plan of care.

Source Note: The provisions of this §19.1113 adopted to be effective June 1, 2004, 29 TexReg 5416

RULE §19.1115 Requirements for Training of Paid Feeding Assistants

(a) Minimum training course contents. A state-approved training course for paid feeding assistants must include, at a minimum, 16 hours of training in the following:

(1) feeding techniques;

(2) assistance with feeding and hydration;

(3) communication and interpersonal skills;

(4) appropriate response to resident behavior;

(5) safety and emergency procedures, including the Heimlich maneuver;

(6) infection control;

(7) resident rights; and

(8) recognizing changes in residents that are inconsistent with their normal behavior and the importance of reporting those changes to the supervisory nurse.

(b) Maintenance of records. The facility must maintain a record of all individuals used by the facility as paid feeding assistants who have successfully completed the state-approved training course for paid feeding assistants. At a minimum, documentation must include the date and location of the course, the name of the trainer, and a statement that the course was successfully completed.

(c) Repeat training. If paid feeding assistants seek employment at a facility other than the facility at which they were trained, they will not be required to repeat the state-approved training course if documentation of successful course completion, as outlined in subsection (b) of this section, is given to the hiring facility.

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