Qualified Dietitian, Other Clinically Qualified Nutrition Professional, and Director of

Food and Nutrition Services Flow Chart for Nursing Homes

clinically qualified

nutrition professional

employed by the facility full-time?

YES

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this flow chart to determine compliance at **42 CFR 483.60** – Food and nutrition services – Staffing (F801).

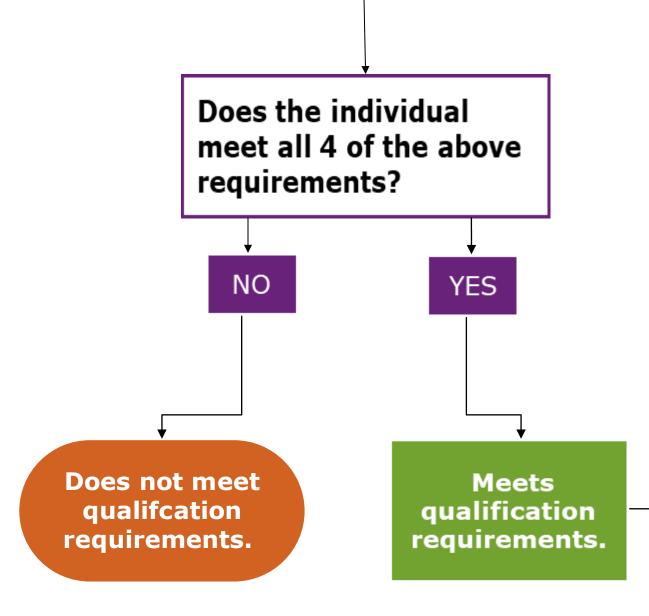


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STEP ONE:

All four (4) of the following criteria must be met for an individual to be deemed a qualified dietician or other clinically qualified nutrition professional:

- Holds a bachelor's or higher degree granted by a regionally accredited college or university in the United States (or an equivalent foreign degree) with completion of the academic requirements of a program in nutrition or dietetics accredited by an appropriate national accreditation organization recognized for this purpose; and
- Has completed at least 900 hours of supervised dietetics practice under the supervision of a registered dietitian or nutrition professional; and
- 3. Is licensed or certified as a dietitian or nutrition professional by the State in which the services are performed. In a State that does not provide for licensure or certification, the individual will be deemed to have met this requirement if he or she is recognized as a "registered dietitian" by the Commission on Dietetic Registration or its successor organization or meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section WA State does require certification and licensing; and
- 4. For dietitians hired or contracted with prior to November 28, 2016, meets these requirements no later than 5 years after November 28, 2016 or as required by state law.



STEP TWO: If a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional is not employed full-time, the facility must designate a person to serve as the director of food and nutrition services. The director of food and nutrition services must meet at least one (1) of the following qualifications: In addition to meeting at least one of the 1. A certified dietary manager; or requirements listed in Step STEP THREE: 2. A certified food service manager; or Two: 3. Has similar national certification for food service management and safety from a The director of food national certifying body; or In States that have and nutrition services established must receive 4. Has an associate's or higher degree in food standards for food frequently scheduled service management or in hospitality, if the service managers or consultations from a course study includes food service or dietary managers, qualified dietician or restaurant management, from an accredited must meet State other clinically institution of higher learning; or requirements at WAC YES qualified nutrition 388-97-1160(3). professional. (See 5. Has 2 or more years of experience in the WA State has Step One for required position of director of food and nutrition <u>requirements for </u> qualifications.) services in a nursing facility setting and has food service completed a course of study in food safety managers. and management, by no later than October NO 1, 2023, that includes topics integral to Are frequently managing dietary operations including, but scheduled not limited to, foodborne illness, sanitation Does the individual procedures, and food purchasing/receiving. consultations YES meet WAC occurring? requirements? Does the individual meet at least one of YES NO the above NOT qualifications? **APPLICABLE** NO **Does not meet** qualifcation requirements. **Does not meet** qualifcation NO requirements. Is the qualified dietician or other

In compliance at

F801