

Qualified Dietitian, Other Clinically Qualified Nutrition Professional, and Director of Food and Nutrition Services Flow Chart for Nursing Homes

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



STEP ONE:

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

1. 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
2. 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.

Does the individual meet all 4 of the above requirements?

NO

YES

Does not meet qualification requirements.

Meets qualification requirements.

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:

1. A certified dietary manager; or
2. A certified food service manager; or
3. Has similar national certification for food service management and safety from a national certifying body; or
4. Has an associate's or higher degree in food service management or in hospitality, if the course study includes food service or restaurant management, from an accredited institution of higher learning; or
5. Has 2 or more years of experience in the position of director of food and nutrition services in a nursing facility setting and has completed a course of study in food safety and management, by no later than October 1, 2023, that includes topics integral to managing dietary operations including, but not limited to, foodborne illness, sanitation procedures, and food purchasing/receiving.

Does the individual meet at least one of the above qualifications?

NO

Does not meet qualification requirements.

In addition to meeting at least one of the requirements listed in Step Two:

In States that have established standards for food service managers or dietary managers, must meet State requirements at WAC 388-97-1160(3). **WA State has requirements for food service managers.**

Does the individual meet WAC requirements?

YES

NOT APPLICABLE

NO

STEP THREE:

The director of food and nutrition services must receive frequently scheduled consultations from a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional. (See Step One for required qualifications.)

Are frequently scheduled consultations occurring?

YES

NO

Does not meet qualification requirements.

Is the qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional employed by the facility full-time?

YES

In compliance at F801

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