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Subject: Iowa Healthcare Association Dietary Manager Qualifications Clarification 9.2023

Hello everyone, here is a document helping to clear up some confusion that the IHCA's recent posting on Qualifications for Dietary Manager has caused. Please share this so this with your Administrators, Dietitians, Corporations etc. so we can get our CDM credentials better defined in our Long Term Care Communities!

Any questions as always please reach out!

Happy Fall ya' all AND SEE YOU AT OUR UPCOMING 10/19/23 meeting, newsletter and blast coming to your inbox or better yet join our Facebook Iowa ANFP and get registered there!

Hugs!

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Celebrate National CDM CFPP Day 11.28.23!

Hello fellow Iowa Certified Dietary Managers

I wanted to address the confusion that a recent Iowa Healthcare posting has stirred in our state. Please see the clarification diagram below created to help get the message clear for all. The CDM is the number one listed CMS education and the only one that has in our education/Scope of Practice the ability to participate in the Care Planning process! This is a very valuable asset for our Care Communities that we serve, so let's be sure to advocate for our credentials amongst other trade associations.



1. **THIS IS NOT NEW INFORMATION...** The Certified Food Protection Manager CFPM option (B) has been included as an approved Federal CMS \$483.60 qualifier since 2016. **THIS IS NOT ServSafe** it is a designated on-line course of Food Protection Manager study approved by ANSI (American National Standards Institute)
2. The Updated Iowa Chapter 58 LTC code was updated effective July 5, 2023 and now reflects the Federal CMS Verbiage for the Qualifications for the Director of Food & Nutrition Services 42 CFR-\$483.60(a) which our Iowa DIA responded to the IHCA question of the CFPM being approved in our state which it has been since 2016 with the original CMS rule changes for \$483.60.
3. **NOTE:** Option (E) Has 2 or more years of experience in the position.... EXPIRES 10.01.2023 see clarification doc.

PLEASE direct any questions you have in regards to anything with regulations to me agingrulesllc@yahoo.com or to our National ANFP regs@anfponline.org which comes my way to answer.

You are all ROCK STARS....huge hugs!

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Clarification to IHCA Dietary Manager Qualifications 9.28.2023 -Barbara Thomsen CDM CFPP National ANFP Education Regulatory Outreach Consultant

With a flurry of changes in rules and regulations, it has been a challenge to understand what is needed for an individual to serve as the director of food and nutrition services (dietary manager) in a nursing home. A recent simplification of Iowa Administrative Code, [section 481-58.24](#), removed stringent, state-specific requirements for dietary managers and added verbiage which defers to federal regulatory language related to qualifications for dietary managers in nursing home settings. Federal regulations related to credentials of the director of food and nutrition services, found under F801 in [Appendix PP](#) were also updated last fall.

Recently, IHCA received confirmation from the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) that completion of a department-approved ANSI **Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) course** would meet minimum requirements under [§483.60\(a\)\(2\)\(i\)\(B\)](#) for an individual to serve as the dietary manager in a nursing home setting. The DIAL website contains a list of approved providers of the course, which can be found [here](#). Members seeking to qualify an employee to serve as the dietary manager are reminded that only one of the available courses are required and must be successfully completed by the candidate before they are hired/transitioned into the role.

CFPM

ANSI-accredited certified food protection manager (CFPM) training

Designed for commercial food-service operations, these courses also meet the training requirement for Iowa's home food processing establishments (HFPEs).

- [Iowa Restaurant Association \(ServSafe\)](#)
 - This course is offered online.
 - This course is offered in person in Iowa.
 - This course is available in multiple languages.
- [1AAA Food Handler \(CFPM\)](#)
 - This course is offered online.
 - This course is available in multiple languages.
- [360training, Inc./Learn2Serve](#)
 - This course is offered online.
- [AboveTraining/StateFoodSafety](#)
 - This course is offered online.
 - This course is available in multiple languages.
- [National Registry of Food Safety Professionals](#)
 - This course is offered online.
 - This course is available in multiple languages.
- [Always Food Safe](#)

58.24(2) Dietary staffing. *Effective 7/5/2023*

The facility shall employ dietary staff in accordance with 42 CFR 483.60(a).

(CMS FNS §483.60 Qualifications for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services)

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Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities

(Rev. 211, 02-03-23) **(Options A,B,C, & D 2016 original verbiage E 2022)**

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§483.60(a)(2) 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.

(i) The director of food and nutrition services must at a minimum meet one of the following qualifications—

**** (A) A certified dietary manager; or (CDM, CFPP credentials)**

(B) A certified food service manager; or

(C) Has similar national certification for food service management and safety from a national certifying body; or

D) 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

*** (E) 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; and**

(ii) In States that have established standards for food service managers or dietary managers, meets State requirements for food service managers or dietary managers, and

(iii) Receives frequently scheduled consultations from a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional.

*** Option E expires October 1, 2023 so no longer will be an accepted qualifier.**

**** (A) CDM is the only option that has it in their scope of practice to participate in the care planning process, a valuable asset in LTC!**