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Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS. ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule will revise the requirements that Long-Term Care facilities must meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These changes are necessary to reflect the substantial advances that have been made over the past several years in the theory and practice of service delivery and safety. These revisions are also an integral part of our efforts to achieve broad-based improvements both in the quality of health care furnished through federal programs, and in patient safety, while at the same time reducing procedural burdens on providers.

DATES: Effective date: These regulations are effective on November 28, 2016.

Implementation date: The regulations included in Phase 1 must be implemented by November 28, 2016. The regulations included in Phase 2 must be implemented by November 28, 2017. The regulations included in Phase 3 must be implemented by November 28, 2019.

R. Food and nutrition services (§483.60)

We are requiring facilities to provide each resident with a nourishing, palatable, well balanced diet that meets his or her daily nutritional and special dietary needs, taking into consideration the preferences of each resident. We are also requiring facilities to employ sufficient staff, including the designation of a director of food and nutrition service, with the appropriate competencies and skills sets to carry out the functions of dietary services while taking into consideration resident assessments and individual plans of care, including diagnoses and acuity, as well as the facility's resident census.

The facility must employ a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional on a full-time, part-time, or consultant basis. The regulations specify the requirements to meet the designation of qualified dietitian or clinically qualified nutrition professional and allowed up to 5 years if hired or contracted prior to November 28, 2016 to meet these requirements and 1 year if hired after November 28, 2016. A qualified Dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional is one who: Holds a bachelor's or higher degree granted by an accredited college or university with completion of the academic requirements of a program in nutrition and dietetics accredited by an national accreditation organization Has completed at least 900 hours of supervised dietetics practice. Is licensed or certified as a dietitian or nutrition professional by the State in which the services are performed. If there is not a full time qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional then the facility must designate a person to serve as the Director of FNS who: Is a CDM, CFPP or is a CFSM or other certification for foodservice management and safety from a national certifying body or has an associate's or higher degree in food service management or in hospitality (food service or restaurant management)

In States that have established standards for food services managers or dietary manager, meets the State requirements for food service managers or dietary managers and receives frequently scheduled consultations from a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional. How do the new regulations impact Food and Nutrition Services? In Section §483.60 Food and Nutrition Services, the following highlights are significant:

- *The Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) credential is now listed as the primary qualification for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services in the absence of a full-time dietitian.*
- *A representative from the Food and Nutrition Services department must be included on the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT). The CDM, CFPP is the only credential listed in addition to the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist that is qualified to participate as defined by scopes of practice. A scope of practice is a critical component in defining the role of any credentialed professional.*
- *While CMS lists the CDM, CFPP credential as the primary qualification for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, the regulations also acknowledge state requirements for staffing qualifications. Currently, 18 states require the CDM, CFPP to serve as Director of Food and Nutrition Services.*

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Positioning the Certified Dietary Manager as the expert in foodservice management and food safety.

We are writing to offer our assistance with implementing the new CMS regulations in regard to the Food & Nutrition services department. The Louisiana Chapter of ANFP is an affiliate of the national not-for-profit association. ANFP was established in 1960 and today has over 14,000 professionals dedicated to the mission of providing optimum nutritional care through foodservice management, across many different genres, within the foodservice industry.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency responsible for administering requirements governing long-term care facilities. In October 2016, CMS released a comprehensive update of regulations to reflect advances in theory and practice of service, delivery and safety for LTC residents, including a section on Food and Nutrition Services. According to the requirements, individuals who are currently employed as the designated Director of Food and Nutrition Services prior to November 28, 2016 will have five years to meet the staffing requirements outlined by CMS. Individuals hired after November 28, 2016 will have no later than one year to meet these staffing requirements. Current foodservice managers may already be eligible to sit for the CDM Credentialing Exam.

The Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) credential is now listed as the primary qualification for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services in the absence of a full-time dietician. A representative from the Food and Nutrition Services department must be included on the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT). The CDM, CFPP is the only credential listed in addition to the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist that is qualified to participate as defined by scopes of practice. A scope of practice is a critical component in defining the role of any credentialed professional.

A Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) has passed a nationally recognized credentialing exam offered by the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers. Continuing education is required to maintain this credential. The exam is written by content experts, and administered by an independent professional testing company. The exam consists of 160 questions that have been pre-tested and proven valid and reliable. Questions cover five competency areas which fall under these major headings: Nutrition, Foodservice, Personnel and Communications, Sanitation and Food Safety, and Business Operations. The CDM, CFPP credential indicates that these individuals have the training and experience to competently perform the responsibilities of a certified dietary manager.

The Louisiana ANFP has been on a mission to promote awareness of the new regulations within our state. During the year, each of our districts has been working to improve the food & nutrition of the elderly within our communities, and we would like to partner with your facility to not only support your food & nutrition department, but to assist in the continual professional growth and education of your foodservice director.



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