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| DIETARY SERVICES | | | | NO. 635 | |
| The dietary services of this facility are under the direction of a person qualified in food preparation who will receive regularly scheduled consultation by a qualified dietician.  Job descriptions for dietary personnel are prepared and kept current.  Dietary and nursing services will work together to provide the dietary needs of the patients.  A sufficient number of dietary employees will be employed to assure twelve (12) continuous hours of departmental coverage.  Duty schedules will be posted and are changed as necessary to meet the changes in dietary personnel. Old assignment schedules will be kept on file at least six months.  At least three meals, or their equivalent, will be served daily at regular times, with not more than 14 hours between a substantial evening meal and breakfast. Bed time nourishment is offered to patients to the extent medically possible.  Menus and therapeutic diets will be planned, prepared, and served according to the needs of the patient and the orders of the attending physician.  A diet manual is available to appropriate personnel in the facility and procedures will be implemented to insure that the nutritional adequacy of the food is retained.  Food handling techniques have been developed and are used to control the handling, storage, preparation, and distribution of food.  See Dietary Manual | | | | | |
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