

LONG TERM CARE INFECTIOUS DISEASE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Georgia Long Term Care Infectious Disease Educational Program Biannual e-Newsletter:

Fall 2023

Welcome, we're glad you're here.

Another perk of attending a Georgia Long Term Care Infectious Disease Educational Program - Foundations/Principles Course is gaining access to this bi-annual newsletter curated for nursing home staff members like you.

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Focus Area: *Infection Control Issues in Dietary*



Food and nutrition are critical components of resident health and wellbeing. However, residents are often at an increased risk for serious complications from foodborne illnesses. Your facility's processes and programs are critical to maintain clean, safe provisions and prevent the spread of diseases.

Regulatory Requirements

Under the 483.60 group, there are 15 tags (F800 - F814) associated with providing appropriate food and nutrition to residents according to their needs. F800 states, "The facility must 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."

Tag F812 - Food Procurement, Store/Prepare/Serve - Sanitary is the **third most cited tag for Georgia long term care facilities** according to health surveys completed in 2023.

The most common reasons for the F812 citation include foods not being stored in a manner that complies with safe food handling practices. Examples include:

- Label food items with an opened date and use by date
- Label food items properly after they are removed from their original packaging
- Maintain safe storage temperatures for refrigeration or freezing
- Log and maintain proper serving temperatures for food
- Wear hair restraints (nets) within food preparation areas.
- Discard expired food items by their expiration date
- Abide by facility procedures on storage of resident and staff foods brought from home

Qualified Dietary Staff: F801



As of September 2022, there are new requirements for nursing homes regarding qualified nutrition staff. To read the full updated guidance, click [here](#).

Facilities must have a qualified dietician or clinically qualified nutrition professional either full-time, part-time, or on a consultant basis. If they are not employed full-time, the facility must designate a person to serve as the director of food and nutrition services. The director must at a minimum meet one of the following qualifications:

- a certified dietary manager
- certified food service manager
- similar national certification for food service management and safety
- associate's or higher degree in food service management or hospitality
- has two+ years of experience in the director position AND has completed a course of study in food safety and management, by no later than October 1, 2023, that includes topics including foodborne illness, sanitation procedures, and food purchasing/receiving
- meets state requirements for food service/dietary managers, as applicable, and
- receives frequently scheduled consultations from a qualified dietician or other clinically qualified nutrition professional

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References

- State Operations Manual: Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities - [Link](#)
- September 2022 Revisions to State Operation Manual: Appendix PP - [Link](#)



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