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**§483.480(b)(2)(iii) In a form consistent with the developmental level of the client; and**

**Guidance §483.480(b)(2)(iii)**

The term "form", as used in this requirement, refers to food consistency (e.g., pureed, chopped, ground, etc.). Food that is ground, chopped or pureed is based on assessed client need, and only to the extent required.

Food consistency modifications due to an acute medical or dental condition are temporary and; client's food consistency is upgraded at the soonest possible time. Clients with chronic medical or dental conditions are periodically reviewed and at least annually for the possibility of an upgrade in food consistency.

Client assessments must document the justification for modified texture of the client's diet.