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§483.480(d)(3) Equip areas with tables, chairs, eating utensils, and dishes designed to meet the developmental needs of each client;

Guidance §483.480(d)(3)

Clients use adaptive equipment or are being trained to use such equipment when the need is identified in the IPP.

Examples of adaptive equipment that may be needed are:

- Double suction cups or other devices to anchor dishes on a table or tray for clients with major coordination problems;
- Rocking one-handed knife-fork or knife-spoon for a client with the use of only one hand;
- Built-up or extended handles or silverware for those with problems of grasp or range of motion;
- Plate guards or plates with raised rims to provide a surface against which the client with a physical disability can push food onto a fork or a spoon;
- Flexible drinking straws;
- Spoon bent to a 90 degree angle at the bowl or a swivel spoon to assist a client without normal wrist motions; and
- Any other adaptive device deemed by the team as needed by the client to eat more independently.