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§483.480(d)(4) to assure that each client eats in a manner consistent with his or her developmental level; and

Guidance §483.480(d)(4)

The intent of this regulation is to promote the acquisition of skills that lead to greater independence in eating.

Clients should be actively encouraged to eat independently to the extent possible and in accordance with their assessed abilities.

Clients should receive training to develop independent eating skills consistent with their developmental potential as identified through the CFA.

Clients learn skills in accordance with their functional levels. Skills may include:

- Use of utensils;
- Meal preparation;
- Socialization during meals;
- Family style dining; and
- Ordering food in restaurants.

Clients' eating programs are implemented in accordance with their training objectives.

To the maximum extent possible, staff model appropriate mealtime behavior and conversation by sitting at the table with clients, and when possible, eating meals with clients.