

**W475**

**(Rev. 135, Issued: 02-27-15, Effective: 04-27-15, Implementation: 04-27-15)**

**§483.480(b)(2)(iv) With appropriate utensils.**

**Guidance §483.480(b)(2)(iv)**

“Appropriate utensils” refers to eating utensils and adaptive eating equipment that enable clients to eat as independently as possible in accordance with their highest functional level.

Commonly used utensils (fork, knife, and spoon) appropriate to the food being consumed are provided to all clients except those using adaptive equipment instead. Clients should be afforded the opportunity to use forks, spoons, and knives as indicated by the food served.

Utensils must be in good condition, clean, allow portion sizes appropriate to the client's prescribed diet and meet the client's needs.