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Dietary Manager Qualifications

Effective Oct. 1, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires the following qualifications for the director of food and nutrition services under F801 of the State Operations Manual, §483.60(a)(2).

"If a qualified dietitian or other clinically qualified nutrition professional is not employed full-time, the facility must designate a person to serve as the director of food and nutrition services.

(i) The director of food and nutrition services must at a minimum meet one of the following qualifications—

(A) A certified dietary manager; **or**

(B) A certified food service manager; **or**

(C) Has similar national certification for food service management and safety from a national certifying body; **or**

(D) Has an associate's or higher degree in food service management or in hospitality, if the course study includes food service or restaurant management, from an accredited institution of higher learning; **or**

(E) Has 2 or more years of experience in the position of director of food and nutrition services in a nursing facility setting and has completed a course of study in food safety and management, by no later than October 1, 2023, that includes topics integral to managing dietary operations including, but not limited to, foodborne illness, sanitation procedures, and food purchasing/receiving"

Certification from [ServSafe](#), or similar national certification for food service management and safety from a national certifying body, meets the requirement for option C, **§483.60(a)(2)(i)(C)**.

Successful completion of the [ServSafe](#) food manager program (or other nationally recognized course of study in food safety and management) by Oct. 1 AND two or more years of experience as a director of food and nutrition services in a nursing facility setting, meets the regulatory requirement of the option E, described in **§483.60(a)(2)(i)(E)**.

IDOH Health Care Leadership Conference – Follow-up

The Indiana Health Care Leadership Conference "Building a Culture of Care – Preventing Abuse in Nursing Homes" was Oct. 17, at the Biltwell Event Center in Indianapolis. Thank you to all who attended!

Slides from the presentations are available to view now on the [webpage](#); recordings will be available within the next week.

Project Firstline Recording Available for CNA Training Programs

Project Firstline Infection Control Ready to Use Implementation Plan recording is now available. Watch the recording for the following:

- Introduction of the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community
- Definition of Project Firstline
- The Goal of Project Firstline
- Resources & Resources
- Q&A
- Sample Implementation Plan

The registration link is [here](#). Use the passcode: K*TBJ01E