(b) Religious dietary practices as authorized in accordance with 28 CFR 548.20.
(c) Medical diet foods.

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PART 548—RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

Subpart A {Reserved}

Subpart B—Religious Beliefs and Practices of Committed Offenders

§ 548.10 Purpose and scope.
(a) The Bureau of Prisons provides inmates of all faith groups with reasonable and equitable opportunities to pursue religious beliefs and practices, consistent with the security and orderly running of the institution and the Bureau of Prisons.

(b) When considered necessary for the security or good order of the institution, the Warden may limit attendance at or discontinue a religious activity. Opportunities for religious activities are open to the entire inmate population, without regard to race, color, national origin, or creed. The Warden, after consulting with the institution chaplain, may limit participation in any particular religious activity or practice to the members of that religious group. Ordinarily, when the nature of the activity or practice (e.g., religious fasts, wearing of headwear, work prescription, ceremonial meals) indicates a need for such a limitation, only those inmates whose files reflect the pertinent religious preference will be included.
(c) The Bureau of Prisons does not require an inmate to profess a religious belief. An inmate may designate any or no religious preference at the initial team screening. By notifying the chaplain in writing, an inmate may request to change this designation at any time, and the change will be effected in a timely fashion.

§ 548.11 Definition.
For purposes of this subpart, the term “religion activity” includes religious diets, services, ceremonies, and meetings.

§ 548.12 Chaplains.
Institution chaplains are responsible for managing religious activities within the institution. Institution chaplains are available upon request to provide pastoral care and counseling to inmates through group programs and individual services. Pastoral care and counseling from representatives in the community are available in accordance with the provisions of §§548.14 and 548.19. The chaplain may ask the requesting inmate to provide information regarding specific requested religious activities for the purpose of making an informed decision regarding the request.

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§ 548.13 Schedules and facilities.
(a) Under the general supervision of the Warden, chaplains shall schedule and direct the institution’s religious activities.
(b) The Warden may relieve an inmate from an institution program or