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§ 403.736 Condition of participation: Discharge planning.

The RNHCI must have in effect a discharge planning process that applies to all patients. The process must assure that improvements are sustained.

(b) Standard: Program responsibilities.
(1) The governing body, administration, and staff are responsible for ensuring that the quality assessment and performance improvement program addresses identified priorities in the RNHCI and are responsible for the development, implementation, maintenance, and performance improvement of assessment actions.

(2) The RNHCI must include all programs, departments, functions, and contracted services when developing, implementing, maintaining, and evaluating the program of quality assessment and performance improvement.

§ 403.734 Condition of participation: Food services.

The RNHCI must have an organized food service that is directed and adequately staffed by qualified personnel.

(a) Standard: Sanitary conditions. The RNHCI must furnish food to the patient that is obtained, stored, prepared, distributed, and served under sanitary conditions.

(b) Standard: Meals. The RNHCI must serve meals that furnish each patient with adequate nourishment in accordance with the recommended dietary allowances of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. The RNHCI must do the following:

(1) Furnish food that is palatable, attractive, and at the proper temperature and consistency.

(2) Offer substitutes of similar nourishment to patients who refuse food served or desire alternative choices.

(3) Furnish meals at regular times comparable to normal mealtimes in the community. There must be no more than 14 hours between a substantial evening meal and breakfast the following day.

(4) The RNHCI must offer snacks at bedtime.

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