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Qualifications of a Dietetic Services Supervisor

The essence of Assembly Bill 2128, effective in 2009, was to revise the approved routes to become or be considered a qualified dietetic services supervisor in a health facility. California law requires that if a health facility employs a dietitian less than full time, then the facility will employ a full-time dietetic services supervisor. The dietetic services supervisor shall have completed at least one of the following educational requirements:

1. A baccalaureate degree with major studies in food and nutrition, dietetics, or food management and has one year of experience in the dietetic service of a licensed health facility;
2. A graduate of a dietetic technician training program approved by the American Dietetic Association or currently registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration;
3. A graduate of a dietetic assistant training program approved by the American Dietetic Association (note: this program is no longer offered);
4. A graduate of a dietetic services training program approved by the Dietary Managers Association and is a certified dietary manager credentialed by the Certifying Board of the Dietary Managers Association, maintains this certification, and has received at least six hours of in-service training on the specific California dietary service requirements contained in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations prior to assuming full-time duties as a dietetic services supervisor at the health facility;
5. Is a graduate of a college degree program with major studies in food and nutrition, dietetics, food management, culinary arts, or hotel and restaurant management and is a certified dietary manager credentialed by the Certifying Board of the Dietary Managers Association, maintains this certification, and has received at least six hours of in-service training on the specific California dietary service requirements contained in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations prior to assuming full-time duties as a dietetic services supervisor at the health facility;
6. A graduate of a state approved program that provides 90 or more hours of classroom instruction in dietetic service supervision, or 90 hours or more of combined classroom instruction and instructor led interactive Web based instruction in dietetic service supervision;
7. Received training experience in food service supervision and management in the military equivalent in content to paragraph 2, 3, or 6.

State surveyors are scrutinizing the qualifications of dietary supervisors to make sure they meet one of the above approved methods. We can stay a step ahead by verifying qualifications and having copies readily available during survey. Check the qualifications of your dietary supervisors; ask to see their certificate, degree, CDR or CDM card. Post a copy of their qualifications and their ServSafe certificate in their office. Check the Dietary Managers Association website www.dmaonline.org for information on becoming a CDM, and taking the CDM exam