



TITLE:	FOOD SERVICE – MEAL TIMES REASONABLE ACCOMODATION	POLICY 11.02
--------	---	--------------

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The facility will make reasonable accommodations to:
  - a. Meet dietary requirements including attention to allergies and physician prescribed diets to include:
    - i. general low sodium diets
    - ii. general diabetic diets
    - iii. mechanical soft foods
    - iv. Other modified and/or therapeutic diets may be provided as described in our current disclosure statement.
  - b. Meet reasonable religious, ethnic and personal preferences.
  - c. Meet the temporary need for meals delivered to the residents' rooms.
  - d. Meet residents' reasonable temporary schedule changes as well as residents' preferences (e.g., to skip a meal or prepare a simple late breakfast).
  - e. Make snacks and beverages available to residents.
  - f. Nutrient concentrates and supplements will be used when prescribed by a health care practitioner. Using a dietitian-approved menu or diet manual
  - g. Substitute foods, when necessary, will be of comparable nutrient value.
2. All food preparation areas (excluding areas in residents' units) are maintained in accordance with the state and local sanitation and safe food handling standards.
3. If and when the evening meal and the subsequent breakfast meal are separated by 14 hours or more, a nutritious evening snack will be offered to all residents.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

**SUPERCEDES:**

None