

WAC 388-97-1140 Individual dietary needs. The nursing home must:

- (1) Encourage residents to continue eating independently;
- (2) Provide effective adaptive utensils as needed to promote independence;
- (3) Allow sufficient time for eating in a relaxed manner;
- (4) Provide individualized assistance as needed;
- (5) Provide table service, for all residents capable of eating at a table, in a dining area/room, located outside of the resident's room; and
- (6) Offer a substitute of similar nutritive value when a resident refuses food served.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-1140, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]