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CONDITION X: STANDARD SUBSECTION (K): FOOD HANDLING POLICY

POLICY

IT IS POLICY OF THE FACILITY THAT ALL PERSONNEL TAKE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS IN THE HANDLING OF FOOD DURING THERAPIES.

PROCEDURE

THE INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE HAD DEVELOPED A LIST OF FOOD ITEMS THAT MAY BE GIVEN TO THE CLIENTS DURING TREATMENT SESSIONS AS APPLICABLE TO THERAPY BEING PROVIDED. THE LIST MAY BE MODIFIED AS NECESSARY BY THE INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE AND AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGER. THE FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLE LIST OF FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL BE UTILIZED DURING THERAPIES:

- SNACK FOOD ITEMS (EG. COOKIES, CRACKERS, POPCORN, CHIPS/SALSA, MARSHMALLOWS, CEREAL, PUDDING, YOGURT, APPLESAUCE, POPSICLES)
- SPREADABLE TOPPINGS (EG. CHEESE, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, ICING, COOL-WHIP, HONEY, SYRUP)
- FRUIT/VEGETABLES (DRIED, CANNED, FROZEN, FRESH, JUICE OR PUREE BABY FOOD)
- HARD AND SOFT CANDY
- BREAD
- OATMEAL
- DRY PASTA
- FROZEN FOOD ITEMS (EG. TAQUITOS)
- DAIRY PRODUCTS (EG. ICE CREAM, MILK, CHEESE)
- CONDIMENTS (EG. KETCHUP, MUSTARD)
- BAKING / COOKING ITEMS (EG. SUGAR, FLOUR, BUTTER, OIL, PANCAKE MIX)
- SPICES / SEASONINGS (EG. SALT, PEPPER)
- POWDERED DRINKS

ALL FOOD ITEMS, WHEN POSSIBLE, WILL BE BOUGHT IN SINGLE-USE INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES. THE INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CLIENT'S USE AND WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER CLIENTS. WATER OR

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ANY OTHER BEVERAGE WILL BE GIVEN IN INDIVIDUAL BOTTLES, CARTONS, OR CUPS. AFTER THERAPIES ARE FINISHED THE REMAINING FOOD OR BEVERAGE THAT IS LEFT IN THE INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE WILL EITHER BE DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY OR GIVEN TO THE CLIENT AT THE END OF THE THERAPY SESSION.

FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN INDIVIDUAL PACKAGED MAY BE BOUGHT IN BULK. FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE BOUGHT IN BULK MUST BE STORED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS. THE PLASTIC CONTAINERS MUST BE LABELED WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE AND THE DATE THAT THE ITEM WAS OPENED. PERSONNEL MUST WEAR DISPOSABLE GLOVES WHEN TRANSFERRING THE FOOD FROM THE PLASTIC CONTAINERS INTO INDIVIDUAL CLOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR THE CLIENT. THE CLOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS MUST ALSO BE LABELED WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE INDICATING THE DATE THE FOOD WAS PLACED IN THE CLOSABLE BAG. ANY FOOD LEFT OVER IN THE CLOSABLE PLASTIC BAG WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CLIENT AT THE END OF THERAPY AS A REWARD OR DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY.

PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR GLOVES AT ALL TIMES WHILE HANDLING FOOD. ALL FOOD WILL BE STORED IN REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER, OR CONTAINER (AS APPROPRIATE) AND LABELED SPECIFICALLY FOR "CLIENT FOOD ONLY".