

MEMORANDUM

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

SUBJECT: Community Care Policy Clarification CCAD 00004, DAHS 00001

TO: Regional Directors
Aged & Disabled Services

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Policy Clarification Question 1:

On the dietitian policy for DAHS facilities, can the same dietitian also do the monitoring and not just the meals check? This would eliminate having to contract for two separate services.

Clarification 1:

No, a registered dietitian on contract with a DAHS facility cannot conduct the monitoring required by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). USDA regulations prohibit a contractor who participates in the CACFP from contracting out for the monitoring of the CACFP food service operation in its facilities. The adult day care contractor must use its own staff to conduct the monitoring of the food service operation for compliance with CACFP program requirements, both in its own facilities and at the food preparation sites for a food service management company, if applicable. However, if a registered dietitian is on staff for a DAHS facility, that dietitian is not prohibited from conducting the CACFP program monitoring. Please note that the CACFP regulations do not contain a requirement specifying the use of a registered dietitian in any aspect of managing a food service operation in the CACFP.

If there are questions regarding this policy clarification, staff should contact their contact person in the region and DAHS agencies should contact their contract manager.

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