

- fall, the resident was evaluated and although he did not suffer any physical harm, upon interview he did express psychological harm and stated he was afraid of using these lifts and would prefer to remain in bed. Interviews with direct care staff indicated that many of the lifts are old, in frequent need of repair, and often malfunction when used. A review of the current Facility Assessment did not include or address equipment necessary to provide for the needs of residents and did not have active involvement of direct care staff in the process.
- The facility recently admitted several individuals, some that follow a vegan diet and others that follow the Judaism faith, both of which include dietary restrictions. These individuals did not previously reside in the facility and represents a substantial change in the resident population. The residents expressed concerns that they are not always able to choose foods that are consistent with their cultural beliefs. Upon review of the facility assessment, the facility did not review and update their assessment based on this change in their resident population. As a result, the facility did not adjust the menus for these newly admitted residents. When reviewing the Facility Assessment, the survey team identified that while the assessment included all the required components, it had not been reviewed for any potential updates in the last 15 months. Facilities are required to review and update the assessment as necessary and at least annually. Even though there were no changes to resident needs, staffing, or other resources, the facility's failure to review the assessment within 12 months may result in the facility failing to identify a factor that would require a change to the assessment, thereby potentially placing the residents at risk for at least minimal harm.

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### **§483.70(e) Staff qualifications.**

**§483.70(e)(1) The facility must employ on a full-time, part-time or consultant basis those professionals necessary to carry out the provisions of these requirements.**

**§483.70(e)(2) Professional staff must be licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable State laws.**

### **DEFINITIONS §483.70(e)**

**“Licensed health professional”** as defined at §483.5 is a physician; physician assistant; nurse practitioner; physical, speech, or occupational therapist; physical or occupational therapy assistant; registered professional nurse; licensed practical nurse; or licensed or certified social worker; or registered respiratory therapist or certified respiratory therapy technician.

### **PROCEDURES §483.70(e)**

If there is reason to doubt the qualifications or competencies of **any personnel**, including temporary, agency and contracted individuals, verify qualifications with the appropriate State registry or practitioner professional licensing body.