


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Use of cafeteria by patients</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-104-309 <b>Department:</b> Food & Nutrition <b>Approving Officer:</b> Director, Food & Nutrition <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Food & Nutrition Management <b>Scope:</b> Food & Nutrition Services	  <b>Effective Date:</b> 6/1/2022 Initial Effective Date: 8/2002
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Food and Nutrition Services does not encourage the use of cafeteria for patient meal service, however, it does not interfere with family members who obtain food at their own expense.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To define the role of the hospital cafeteria in providing patient meals.

**(C) Procedure**

1. Family members may obtain food of their choice at their own expense.
2. Cafeteria employees are not authorized or skilled to provide nutrition advice to families about modified diet choices.
3. Cafeteria employees will not enforce compliance with physician ordered diets.
4. Employees will refer family members' questions/comments to the patient diet office, 383-2328. Staff may contact the clinical staff if indicated.
5. Nursing staff may obtain food for patients using approved procedures—refer to FNS policy # 3364-104-308, *Availability of Food when the Department is Closed*.

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