**Policy**

Food or beverage brought in from outside sources for storage in facility pantries and refrigeration units will be dated and then discarded after three days.

**Procedure**

1. Individuals will be educated on safe food handling and storage techniques by staff as needed. When staff are given food to store they will examine food for quality (visual, smell, packaging) to identify potential concerns.
2. When food is brought to residents by family and other visitors, the facility will assist residents to access and consume the food, if the resident is not able to do so on his or her own.
3. When the facility is storing food brought in by family or visitors it will be stored in a way that is either separate or easily distinguishable from facility food.
4. The specific food storage requirements found in §483*.60(*i)(1)-(2) of the CFRare for the nursing home food storage and do not apply to residents’ personal use refrigerators.