

March 14, 2024

Notice of Development of Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

33-204.002 Food Services - Definitions

33-204.003 Food Services - Standards of Operation

33-204.005 Cash Meals and Special Group Meals

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule amendment is necessary to amend the definition of “Food Service Director”; add new definitions for “Master Menu Manual” and “Religious Diet Program/Certified Food Option (RDF/CFO)”; clarify and update procedures and requirements related to prescribed therapeutic diets; update length of time after which inmates who have been removed from the vegan meal pattern due to an incident report may reapply; provide that inmates in confinement who cannot receive a menu item due to security concerns will receive another item of comparable nutritional value; include the Certified Food Option as an option to meet religious dietary requirements; incorporate forms DC6-234 and DC6-235; add references to the FDA Food Code; update internal reference; revise form DC4-668; and add language regarding authorization for special group meals.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Food Services

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 944.09, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 110.502, 110.504, 944.09, F.S.

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