

Statement of Deficiencies

1919-D.2: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919-D.2: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

Finding:

1919-D.2 Based on observations:

The Center allowed children under age 4 that are implicated in choking incidents. Specialists observed sausages served in whole, averaging 3 inches in length, being served to children ages 1-3. Specialists spoke with S1 about the regulation and S1 and S7 started cutting the sausage up with scissors while plates were in front of children. S1 stated that she would start cutting meat up into smaller pieces before plates are served to children.
