**Section 2425.60 Accommodation of Religious Diets**

a) Committed youth shall be permitted to abstain from any foods the consumption of which violates their required religious tenets.

b) Any foods that contain pork or pork by-products shall be identified in accordance with 20 Ill. Adm. Code 2502.20 (Menus).

c) A committed youth may submit a written request to the facility chaplain to receive an alternative diet for specific religious reasons. The request must contain written verification that the committed youth is a member of a faith group that requires adherence to a particular diet and the specific requirements of the diet. Eligibility to receive an alternative diet for specific religious reasons shall be determined by the youth center chaplain who shall ordinarily confer with a religious leader or faith representative of the faith group at issue. The youth center chaplain and the religious leader or faith representative may interview the committed youth.

d) A committed youth requesting a dietary modification required by a specific religious holiday or ceremony must submit a written request to the youth center chaplain 45 calendar days before the holiday or ceremony. The request must contain verification that the committed youth is a member of a faith group requiring the dietary modification and the specific requirements of the dietary modification. Eligibility to receive an alternative diet for a specific religious holiday or ceremony shall be determined by the youth center chaplain who shall ordinarily confer with a religious leader or faith representative of the faith group at issue. The youth center chaplain and religious leader or faith representative may interview the committed youth.

e) A committed youth who does not adhere to the alternative diet shall no longer receive the alternative diet, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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