**Section 410.280 Food and Nutrition**

a) It shall be the responsibility of the emergency shelter to provide for the food and nutritional needs of its residents in one of two ways:

1) through written agreements approved by the Department with other organizations which provide evening and breakfast meals for the residents; or

2) through the provision of kitchen and dining facilities at the temporary shelter and the food necessary for the preparation of an evening and breakfast meal.

b) If youth who have special medical, cultural, or religious needs are accepted at the emergency shelter, the meals shall be appropriate for the special needs of the youth accepted.

c) If the emergency shelter is providing the evening and breakfast meal at the shelter facility, shelter staff may prepare the evening and breakfast meal for the residents or may allow the residents to prepare their own meals under the supervision of emergency shelter staff.

d) Youth suspected of suffering from dehydration or malnutrition shall be referred for a medical assessment and treatment, as appropriate.