

Case Coordinator Considerations: Oral Feeding Without a Swallowing Disorder

- The Case Coordinator will assess for, among other things:
 - Client ability to sit up unaided for periods of time
 - Client ability to hold utensils
 - Client ability to take food from plate to mouth
 - Collateral information from family or other support persons
 - Client history of choking or aspiration or other medical conditions
 - Client ability to chew
 - Client fit of dentures
 - Client physical attributes e.g. facial droop, jaw deformity, cleft palate, etc.

- The client will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of feeding as able; self-care is promoted.

- Review and discuss client's back-up plan

Nutritional Requirements Related to Feeding/Swallowing Difficulties:

- The Case Coordinator may request a Direct Service Nurse to perform feeding while awaiting a swallowing assessment. A suction apparatus will be ordered for Direct Service Nurse use in case of choking.