(A) Policy Statement

Patients celebrating their birthdays while hospitalized receive a small birthday cake if their diet allows or with approval.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To offer patients the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays.

(C) Procedure

1. Food and Nutrition Services Department prints the Birthday Report daily. A birthday cake is added to the lunch or dinner meal ticket.
2. The tray line staff will send the cake with the patient’s meal at lunch or dinner.
3. If the patient is on a modified diet, a dietitian or technician will determine whether the patient may receive the cake.
4. There is no additional charge for this service.