Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care				
 ☐ All DHS employees ☒ Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B ☒ Aging and People with Disabilities ☐ Self Sufficiency Programs ☐ County DD program managers ☐ Support Service Brokerage Directors ☐ ODDS Children's Residential Services ☐ Child Welfare Programs 		 ☐ County Mental Health Directors ☐ Health Services ☐ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) ☐ ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services ☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) ☐ Other (please specify): AAA Nutrition Sites 		
Policy/rule title:	Medicaid Home Delivered Meals policy change related to COVID-19			
Policy/rule number(s):	OAR 411-040-0035		Release number:	
Effective date:	Immediately		Expiration date:	
References:				
Web address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/cm/hdm/index.htm			

Discussion/interpretation:

Oregon has received CMS approval to allow Medicaid consumers who are "self-isolating" at home the option to receive up to two meals per day/seven days per week during the COVID-19 emergency declaration. The approval is retroactive to March 1, 2020 and will end when the President's Emergency Declaration ends.

Case managers will follow the same eligibility criteria for meals and the referral process to the AAA nutrition program. Referrals that include two meals per day should be clearly communicated to the AAA nutrition program. Referrals can be made for existing and new consumers. During the emergency period, additional reductions in hours authorized are not needed. Case Managers will need to ensure nutrition programs agree to provide the number of meals authorized.

If the nutrition provider has delivered two meals per day to Medicaid eligible individuals, they should contact the Case Manager and ask for additional authorization to cover up to two meals day back to March 1, 2020. Staff will need to process a payment adjustment as needed by utilizing form APD 287A (use the comments box to explain the adjustment as the specific procedure code is not provided on the form).

In some areas where daily delivery of meals is not feasible, nutrition providers must notify the local APD/AAA office if approved meals will be delivered on a less frequent basis. In these cases, meals must be delivered at least once per week.

Nutrition programs will be allowed to bill up to 62 meals per month using the same voucher payment system.

APD will notify local offices when the additional meal authorization ends.

<u>Local/branch action required</u>: Review and implement policy change as appropriate

<u>Central office action required</u>: Provide additional policy support as needed

<u>Field/stakeholder review</u>: ⊠ Yes ☐ No

If yes, reviewed by: Policy and Operations review

Filing instructions:

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