

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Department of Aging**

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Rule Number

NEW

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

Home-delivered meal service.**RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed consistent with the requirements of the RC 119.032 review? **No**

2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **No**

3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**

4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **173.02, 173.391, 173.40, 173.402**

5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **173.39, 173.391, 173.402**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

ODA is proposing to replace rules 173-39-02.14 and 173-39-02.19 of the Administrative Code with a new rule 173-39-02.14 of the Administrative Code. In doing so, ODA has three goals:

GOAL 1: To comply with the five-year review required under section 119.032 of the Revised Code.

GOAL 2: To adopt rule on the home-delivered meal service that is substantially similar to the requirements for providing a home-delivered meal service under the

rules of Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DoDD), which are also under development or may soon be under development.

a. The goal is to provide consistent requirements for providers among the three agencies' Medicaid waiver programs. The rule content was developed by a consolidation exploration team of the Executive Medicaid Management Agency (EMMA), which Governor Strickland created with Executive Order 2007-36S. ODA, JFS, and DoDD were part of that team.

b. Certainly, there are differences in the rules each agency will propose, but the content is substantially similar. An exception is that ODA allows providers to deliver milk, bread, and butter at once to a consumer to whom it delivers meals throughout the week if the consumer's service plan authorizes the milk, bread, or butter. This will enable case managers to help consumers with arthritis by authorizing the delivery of a pint or half-gallon of milk that the arthritic consumer can open, but not the single-serving milk carton that they cannot or a stick of butter that the arthritic consumer can use, but not the single-serving butter packet that they cannot open.

c. One noticeable, but insubstantial, difference is that ODA's regulations on the service appear in a rule that regulates just one service and follows the format of other rules that ODA has proposed since Executive Order 2008-04S (see goal #3 below), while JFS' regulations on the service appear in a rule that regulates several services and follows the format of other JFS rules. (JFS has proposed their new language in paragraph (D) of rule 5101:3-46-04 of the Administrative Code.)

GOAL 3: To comply with Governor Strickland's Executive Order 2008-04S: "Implementing Common Sense Business Regulation," which requires all state agencies to write easier-to-read and easier-to-comprehend rules to promote transparency in state regulations.

a. ODA complies with the executive order by:

i. Complying with Chapter 5 of the Legislative Service Commission's "Rule Drafting Manual," as found on http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/rules/rdm06_06.pdf

ii. Incorporating recommendations from "Advanced Legal Drafting" by Bryan A. Garner (Dallas: LawProse, Inc. ?? 2007)

iii. Incorporating recommendations from "Plain English Writing Tips," as found on http://business.ohio.gov/docs/RegReform_PlainEnglishWritingTips.pdf.

b. The result is language that:

i. Generously uses descriptive sub-headings (e.g., "Planning," "Preparation and safety," "Delivery," "Units and rates," etc.) and divides topics in rules to fit under

those sub-headings in order to enable readers to thumb through the rule

ii. Begins with general material in a, somewhat, chronological order (e.g., planning; preparation and safety; and delivery) and ends with specific material that appeals to fewer readers (e.g., provider qualifications, units of service)

iii. Uses the active voice in the present tense, not the passive voice (e.g., "shall be") and not the future tense (e.g., "will")

iv. Uses the singular, unless the plural is necessary

v. Replaces legalese with plain-English words

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; If the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE, then summarize the content of the rule:

The proposed new rule regulates the delivery of home-delivered meals for the PASSPORT Program, including the regulation of planning, preparation and safety, delivery, service limitations, provider qualifications, service verification, and units and rates.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

This response left blank because filer specified online that the rule does not incorporate a text or other material by reference.

9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

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10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so:

Not Applicable.

12. 119.032 Rule Review Date:

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

\$0.00

ODA does not anticipate that the proposed adoption of this rule will have any impact upon the biennial budget that the Ohio General Assembly established for ODA.

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

GRF-490-423 Long-Term Care Budget - State.

3C40-490-623 Long-Term Care Budget.

4J40-490-610 PASSPORT/Residential State Supplement.

4U90-490-602 PASSPORT Fund.

15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

ODA estimates that providers who fully comply with the requirements of the current rule could, but are unlikely to, see new costs of compliance. However, providers who fully comply with the requirements of the current rule are more likely to see a reduced cost-of-compliance if ODA adopts this proposed new rule.

Concerning dietitians: Both the current rule and the proposed new rule requires the provider to only use menus that have received the approval of a licensed dietitian. However, the proposed new rule also requires the dietitian to be registered with the commission on dietetic registration. We understand that almost every licensed dietitian is also a registered dietitian, so this is not likely to produce a new cost-of-compliance for most providers.

Concerning nutritional adequacy: The proposed new rule requires each meal to be nutritionally adequate, but does not prescribe the means for achieving the federally-established dietary reference intakes. The proposed new rule complies with Executive Order 2008-04S because it focuses on the outcomes and not the process to achieve those outcomes. This allows a provider to choose the most-efficient methods, thereby lowering the costs the provider will incur if it complies with the proposed new rule. Specifically, we no longer prescribe menu patterns or nutrient-analysis software. We no longer require that each meal has 2 ounces of this or that either.

Concerning therapeutic diets: The proposed new rule no longer allows a provider to provide home-delivered meals with a therapeutic diet thirty days in advance of a physician's order for the therapeutic diet. Most providers should receive a diet order before they develop the therapeutic diet. Otherwise, they are providing a consumer with a diet that is not nutritionally adequate under the assumption that a physician has ordered the diet. If, for some reason, a provider is aware that a physician has ordered such a diet, but has not received the order from the physician, there might be an increased cost of compliance in contacting the physician to ask for the order.

Concerning consumer choice: The proposed new rule, like the current rule, requires the provider to offer a menu of meal options, but no longer details how the provider should do so. The proposed new rule complies with Executive Order 2008-04S because it focuses on the outcomes and not the process to achieve those outcomes. This allows a provider to choose the most-efficient methods, thereby lowering the costs the provider will incur if it complies with the proposed new rule.

Concerning vacuum-packed meals: Because of the advent of vacuum-packed meals and the consumers' desire for those meals, the rule contains new options for packaging, labeling (e.g., use-by dates), delivery times, how many meals a provider

may deliver at once, and concerning what inspection citations to submit to ODA and the PAA. This new flexibility creates no new costs to providers who do not provide vacuum-packed meals, but does allow provide the flexibility necessary in the rules to allow a provider to efficiently provide vacuum-packed meals. The proposed new rule complies with Executive Order 2008-04S because it focuses on the outcomes and not the process to achieve those outcomes. This allows a provider to choose the most-efficient methods, thereby lowering the costs the provider will incur if it complies with the proposed new rule.

Concerning local health department inspections: A provider who receives no citations from a local health department will see no new cost of compliance. However, if the local health department does cite a provider at the end of the workweek, the provider now has only 48 hours, not 2 business days, to notify ODA and the PAA of the citation and its plan of correction.

Concerning verification of meal delivery: The proposed new rule now allows flexibility that is not present under our current rule. The proposed new rule now allows providers to verify that they have performed the service by documenting the name of the consumer, the date of delivery, the number of meals,...in any manner that is reportable to the PASSPORT Administrative Agency. We no longer require the information to be in the form of a route log. Additionally, the proposed new rule allows providers to verify that they have performed the service by obtaining alternative forms of a consumer's signature. (e.g., UPS-style signature pads, swipe cards, call-in verification,...) The proposed new rule also give a provider flexibility on when to collect a consumer's signature, which means the provider may collect the signature at the same time it delivers the meal, or at another time. ODA's goal is simply to verify the delivery of the meals, so, in line with Executive Order 2008-04S, the proposed new rule focuses on the outcomes (i.e., verification) and not the process to achieve those outcomes (e.g., route logs, pen-and-ink signatures). This allows a provider to choose the most-efficient methods, thereby lowering the costs the provider will incur if it complies with the proposed new rule.

Concerning bulk ingredients: Although both the current rule and the proposed new rule say that a home-delivered meal is a complete meal, the proposed new rule does make an exception for three bulk ingredients. It makes sense for a provider to delivery a half-gallon of milk, a loaf of bread, or a stick of butter for cost reasons and because aged consumers who suffer from arthritis have difficulty opening some small packages. The only requirement is that the food is labeled in such a way that a consumer will know that the bulk food is for consumption as part of a meal and not an ingredient for the consumer to use to prepare a meal. The proposed new rule complies with Executive Order 2008-04S because it focuses on the outcomes and not the process to achieve those outcomes. This allows a provider to choose the most-efficient methods, thereby lowering the costs the provider will incur if it complies with the proposed new rule.

ODA estimates that a consumer of a home-delivered meal under the proposed new rule would see no new cost of compliance if ODA adopted the rule because a consumer in the PASSPORT program does not pay for any service that he or she receives through the program.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**