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**Older Americans Act nutrition program: grocery shopping assistance.**

- (A) "Grocery shopping assistance" means a service that assists consumers with the act of grocery shopping.
- (B) In every AAA-provider agreement for grocery shopping assistance paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds, the AAA shall include the following requirements:
- (1) General requirements: In the AAA-provider agreement, the AAA shall include the requirements in rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code for every AAA-provider agreement paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds.
  - (2) Introductory information: The provider to provide a consumer with a packet of introductory information that explains how grocery shopping assistance works upon the consumer's enrollment into a grocery shopping assistance service.
  - (3) Transferring groceries: In the AAA-provider agreement, the AAA shall indicate the extent to which the provider shall transfer the groceries the consumer purchases, whether from the grocery store to the vehicle, from the shopping cart to the vehicle, from the vehicle to the consumer's home, or a combination of the three.
  - (4) Payment:
    - (a) No Older Americans Act funds, other than funds from Title III-B of the Older Americans Act, shall pay for grocery ~~ordering and delivery~~ shopping assistance.
    - (b) No Older Americans Act funds shall pay for groceries.
  - (5) Service verification:
    - (a) For each episode of assistance, the provider shall retain a record of the consumer's name; service date; pick-up time and location; drop-off time and location; service units; and provider's signature; and consumer's signature. As an attestation that the consumer received the service, the provider may also collect a unique identifier of the consumer, including the consumer's handwritten or electronic signature, handwritten or electronic initials, fingerprint, stamp, mark, password, barcode, or swipe card.

(b) In the AAA-provider agreement, the AAA shall not prohibit the provider from using an electronic system to collect and retain the items in paragraph (B)(5)(a) of this rule.

(C) Units: One unit of grocery shopping assistance equals one-way transportation to or from a grocery store.

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