173-4-02 Eligibility criteria.

- (A) A person may participate in a congregate nutrition program if:
 - (1) The person is at least sixty years of age;
 - (2) The person is the spouse of an eligible person, regardless of age or abilities;
 - (3) The person provides volunteer services during meal-preparation hours or meal-service hours and only receives a meal (and not any other nutrition-related services of the congregate nutrition program);
 - (4) The person is a guest who is otherwise ineligible to participate in a congregate nutrition program and who pays the provider for the provider's actual contracted unit cost of the meal; or,
 - (5) The person is a staff member who is otherwise ineligible to participate in a congregate nutrition program and who pays the provider's suggested donation or pays a rate mutually agreed upon by the provider and the AAA.
- (B) A person may participate in a home-delivered nutrition program if:
 - (1) The person is at least sixty years of age and meets one of the following criteria:
 - (a) The person is unable to prepare his/her own meals;
 - (b) The person is unable to participate in a congregate nutrition program because of physical or emotional difficulties; and,
 - (c) The person lacks another meal support service in the home or the community.
 - (2) The person is the spouse of an eligible person, regardless of age or abilities, who lives in the home of the eligible person;
 - (3) The person provides services during meal-preparation hours or meal-delivery hours and only receives a meal (and not any other nutrition-related services of the home-delivered nutrition program); or,
 - (4) The person is a guest who is otherwise ineligible to participate in a home-delivered nutrition program and who pays the provider for the provider's actual contracted unit cost of the meal; or,

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(5) The person is a staff member who is otherwise ineligible to participate in a home-delivered nutrition program and who pays the provider's suggested donation or pays a rate mutually agreed upon by the provider and the AAA.

- (C) The AAA shall establish procedures that allow providers of a congregate or home-delivered nutrition program the option to offer a meal to the following persons with disabilities:
 - (1) A person who is less than sixty years of age and is a person with a disability who resides in a facility that is primarily occupied by residents who are at least sixty years of age at which a congregate nutrition program or home-delivered nutrition program is provided; or,
 - (2) A person with a disability who resides in a home with another person who is eligible to participate in a home-delivered nutrition program.

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