

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,
- (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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Rule Amplifies:

173.392; Sections 336 and 339 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, 79 Stat. 210, 42 U.S.C. 3001, as amended in 2006