## <u>173-4-08</u> <u>Older Americans Act nutrition program: nutrition education.</u>

- (A) "Nutrition education" means a service that promotes better health by providing consumers or caregivers with accurate and culturally-sensitive information and instruction on nutrition, physical activity, food safety, or disease prevention.
- (B) In every AAA-provider agreement for nutrition education 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) Approved education materials: The provider shall distribute education materials that the AAA's licensed dietitian has approved as promoting better health by providing consumers or caregivers with accurate and culturally-sensitive information and instruction on nutrition, physical activity, food safety, or disease prevention and as being tailored to consumer's needs, interests, and abilities (including literacy levels).
  - (3) Approved evaluation methodology:
    - (a) The provider shall implement a methodology for evaluating the effectiveness of its nutrition education that has the AAA's approval before the provider implements it.
    - (b) The provider shall retain records of all evaluations that it completes using the methodology in paragraph (B)(3)(a) of this rule.
  - (4) Frequency: In the AAA-provider agreement, the AAA shall require the provider to provide nutrition education according to one of the following three options:
    - (a) The provider offers nutrition education two times per year.
    - (b) The provider offers nutrition counseling according to rule 173-4-07 of the Administrative Code instead of nutrition education within a particular county.
    - (c) A combination of paragraphs (B)(4)(a) and (B)(4)(b) of this rule.
  - (5) Special requirements for congregate dining projects: If the AAA-provider agreement requires the provider to offer nutrition education through a congregate dining project, the provider shall comply with the following:
    - (a) The provider shall offer nutrition education in group sessions.

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(b) For each unit of service, the provider shall record each consumer's name (e.g., in a list); the service date and duration of service; the educational topic; the service units; the instructor's name; and the instructor's signature attesting to the accuracy of the record.

- (6) Special requirements for home-delivered meal projects and congregate dining projects based in restaurants and supermarkets: If the AAA-provider agreement requires the provider to offer nutrition education through a home-delivered meal project or congregate dining project based in restaurants or supermarkets, the provider shall retain a record to show the number of consumers who received the educational materials, the service date, the topic of the educational materials, and the provider's signature.
- (C) Units: A unit of nutrition education is one nutrition education session per consumer.

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