

# Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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**Issue date:** 6/12/2020

**Topic:** Long Term Care

**Due date:**

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New policy   
  Policy change   
  Policy clarification   
  Executive letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual update   
  Other:

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                                | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities    | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): AAA Nutrition Sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                           |   |

<b>Policy/rule title:</b>	Medicaid Home Delivered Meals policy change related to COVID-19		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>	OAR 411-040-0035	<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>	Immediately	<b>Expiration date:</b>	
<b>References:</b>			
<b>Web address:</b>	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/cm/hdm/index.htm">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/cm/hdm/index.htm</a>		

**Discussion/interpretation:**

Oregon has received CMS approval to allow Medicaid consumers who are “self-isolating” at home the option to receive up to two meals per day/seven days per week during the COVID-19 emergency declaration. The approval is retroactive to March 1, 2020 and will end when the President’s Emergency Declaration ends.

Case managers will follow the same eligibility criteria for meals and the referral process to the AAA nutrition program. Referrals that include two meals per day should be clearly communicated to the AAA nutrition program. Referrals can be made for existing and new consumers. During the emergency period, additional reductions in hours authorized are not needed. Case Managers will need to ensure nutrition programs agree to provide the number of meals authorized.

If the nutrition provider has delivered two meals per day to Medicaid eligible individuals, they should contact the Case Manager and ask for additional authorization to cover up to two meals day back to March 1, 2020. Staff will need to process a payment adjustment as needed by utilizing form [APD 287A](#) (use the comments box to explain the adjustment as the specific procedure code is not provided on the form).

In some areas where daily delivery of meals is not feasible, nutrition providers must notify the local APD/AAA office if approved meals will be delivered on a less frequent basis. In these cases, meals must be delivered at least once per week.

Nutrition programs will be allowed to bill up to 62 meals per month using the same voucher payment system.

APD will notify local offices when the additional meal authorization ends.

**Local/branch action required:** Review and implement policy change as appropriate

**Central office action required:** Provide additional policy support as needed

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Policy and Operations review

**Filing instructions:**

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