

# BSW 719 Services: Nutrition

ARM 37.40.1476 and ARM 37.41.302

## DEFINITION

Nutrition services include ~~providing the provision of~~ meals in a congregate setting or home-delivered meals. Nutrition services can also include, but are not limited to, meals from restaurants, meals provided by hospitals, and meal service in a residential setting that is not considered room and board (e.g., an apartment site that offers meal service separate from room and board).

## SERVICE REQUIREMENT

~~Congregate or home-delivered meals must be provided as defined in ARM 37.40.1476.~~

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## AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)

Meals may be purchased from an AAA if:

- ~~The AAA has a fixed rate for the meal, which it charges the general public. The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) reimbursement rate cannot exceed the rate charged to the general public.~~
- ~~If the AAA does not have a fixed rate, meals can only be purchased if it is a meal that the AAA normally does not provide or the AAA does not have has not more funds available for meals and has an established waiting list for services.~~

## REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS SERVICE LIMITATIONS

No more than two meals a day ~~shall can~~ be provided to members through congregate or home-delivered meals. Providing more than two meals a day constitutes a full nutritional regiment or "board", which is not reimbursable under the HCBS-Big Sky Waiver program.

Medicaid providers cannot bill for home delivered meals in advance of service delivery. Reimbursement can only occur for those meals delivered while the member is enrolled in waiver services.

## PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

Nutrition providers must be nonprofits or public agencies that provide congregate or home delivered meals on a regular basis to people who cannot provide themselves with regular meals because of their functional needs. Nutrition providers must be enrolled as Medicaid providers.

Meals may be purchased from an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) if: (AAA is a provider in the waiver application, but none of this detail is in ARM or waiver. What's happening in the field?)

1. The AAA has a fixed rate for the meal, which it charges the general public. The Big Sky Waiver reimbursement rate cannot exceed the rate charged to the general public.
- 3-2. If the AAA does not have a fixed rate, meals can only be purchased if it is a meal that the AAA normally does not provide or the AAA does not have more funds available for meals and has an established waiting list for services.

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