

HOME DELIVERED MEAL SERVICE CRITERIA

- Outagamie County resident, aged 60 or older, which an assessment concludes that participation is in the individual's best interest, and the individual is meeting home delivered meal criteria.
- Spouse of a person eligible for a Home Delivered meal, regardless of age or condition, if an assessment concludes that participation is in the best interest of the older individual.
- Disabled adult who resides at home with an eligible older individual participating in the Nutrition Program, if an assessment concludes that participation is in the best interest of the older individual.

Determination of Home Delivered Meal Service Need:

- Generally unable to leave home unassisted by reason of accident, illness, disability, frailty, or isolation.
- Unable to independently obtain food and prepare adequate meals due to a lack of or inadequacy of facilities; an inability to shop, cook, or prepare meals safely; or a lack of appropriate knowledge or skill.
- Lacks the support of family, friends, neighbors, or another meal support service in the home or community.
- Is unable to consistently access meals at a congregate dining location due to personal health reasons or other reasons that make dining in a congregate setting inappropriate.

Conditions for Receiving Home Delivered Meal Service:

- Individual is able to feed themselves or have someone available to assist with dining.
- Individual agrees to be home when meals are delivered or to contact the Nutrition Program when absence is unavoidable.

Family Care, Family Care Partnership or IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) community-based long-term care members **are not eligible** for Home Delivered or Frozen meals unless there is a written contract, with the Outagamie County Nutrition Program and the long-term care program, for full Outagamie County Nutrition Program Home Delivered or Frozen meal cost reimbursement.

Individuals applying for Outagamie County Nutrition Program Home Delivered Meal Service will be assessed by Outagamie County Nutrition Program staff, in the individual's home to determine the need for nutrition and other services no later than twelve (12) weeks from beginning of meal service. A formal screening for determining eligibility is required to participate. A full reassessment of continued need for Home Delivered Meal Service will be conducted annually in the individual's home. The time period between reassessments

will depend on the type of disability, the degree of isolation and the extent of other resources available to the individual.

Frozen meals and Carryout meals are considered an Outagamie County Nutrition Program Home Delivered Meal Service and must meet Home Delivered Meal Service Criteria.

Meal Cost

The Outagamie County Nutrition Program Home Delivered meal cost is \$15.76 per meal. A \$5.00 suggested contribution is encouraged. Nutrition Program participants may voluntarily contribute toward the meal cost in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act. No participant will be denied meal service because they cannot or will not donate toward the meal cost. Contributions are confidential and support Outagamie County Nutrition Program Home Delivered meal service continuation.

Program Governance

The Outagamie County Nutrition Program is under the direction of the Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Outagamie County Aging Unit. For further information on Outagamie County Nutrition Program meal service, please call **832-5178** or Email adrc@outagamie.org.