



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 173-4-10 Older Americans Act nutrition program: grocery shopping assistance.

Effective: January 1, 2023

(A) "Grocery shopping assistance" means a service that assists consumers with the act of shopping for groceries.

(B) Requirements for every AAA-provider agreement for grocery shopping assistance paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds:

(1) The AAA-provider agreement is subject to rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Introductory information: The provider shall provide a consumer with a packet of introductory information that explains how grocery shopping assistance works on the consumer's enrollment into the grocery shopping assistance service.

(3) Transferring groceries: The AAA shall indicate the extent to which it requires the provider to transfer the groceries that the consumer purchases or receives.

(4) Payment:

(a) No Older Americans Act funds, other than funds from Title III-B or III-E of the Older Americans Act, may pay for grocery shopping assistance.

(b) No Older Americans Act funds, other than funds from Title III-B or III-E of the Older Americans Act, may pay for consumable supplies or material aid to meet basic needs, such as groceries.

Providers may accept other funds (e.g., private pay, SNAP) for consumable supplies or material aid to meet basic needs.

(5) Service verification:

(a) The following are the mandatory reporting items for each episode of assistance that a provider



retains to comply with the requirements under paragraph (B)(9) of rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code:

(i) Consumer's name.

(ii) Service date.

(iii) Pick-up time and location.

(iv) Drop-off time and location.

(v) Service units.

(vi) Unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver to attest to receiving the service.

(b) During a state of emergency declared by the governor or a federal public health emergency, the provider may verify each episode of service provided without collecting the unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver.

(C) Units: One unit of grocery shopping assistance is one-way transportation to or from a retail food establishment or non-profit food establishment.