

American Rescue Plan Act HCBS Initiative Home Delivered Meals Added to Frail Elderly Waiver

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Addition of Home Delivered Meals (HDM) to Frail Elderly (FE) Waiver

Home delivered meals are provided to recipients who are at risk of institutional care. Home delivered meals include the planning, purchase, preparation and delivery or transportation costs of meals to a recipient's home. Prior to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, Nevada Medicaid only offered Home Delivered Meals through its 1915(c) Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD). Through the use of the temporary ARPA funding, Home Delivered Meals has been added as a new waiver service to the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver for Frail Elderly while ARPA funding is available.

Timeline for Implementation

- Policy Updates Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2200 Section 2203.7A
- **Who** –providers enrolled as a Home Delivered Meals provider (provider type 58) can now render services to Frail Elderly Waiver recipients
- When beginning July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024

Background

Under ARPA Section 9817 Enhanced Funding Opportunity, Nevada Medicaid is implementing various initiatives including the addition of home delivered meals, short-term supplemental payments to qualified HCBS providers and employees. These initiatives are the result of feedback received from stakeholders centered around current Medicaid reimbursement rates and the associated challenges for providers to recruit and retain a qualified workforce.

Where can I find additional information?

Nevada Medicaid American Rescue Plan web page: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/AmericanRescuePlan/ Questions can be directed to AmericanRescuePlan@dhcfp.nv.gov