

MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Agency on Aging Executive Directors **Notice #: 010918-1-PC-SCBS**

FROM: Jeffrey S. Bragg, Secretary

DATE: January 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Notice of Policy Clarification: Older Americans Act (OAA) Congregate Meals and Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care (SMMC LTC) Program Enrollees

The purpose of this notice is to provide corrected responses to questions 5 and 12 addressed in Notice: 070815-1-PC-SCBS, which discusses the provision of OAA Title III nutrition services to SMMC LTC enrollees. The questions and revised responses are listed below:

Q 5. Can nutrition education be included as an allowable service to a long-term care enrollee that is billed to OAA?

A. Nutrition education cannot be billed under OAA Title III C1 for a long-term care enrollee. The SMMC LTC contract has nutritional assessment or risk reduction as a covered service. The plans must have at least two providers serving each county of the region. In the SMMC LTC Program coverage policy, nutritional assessment or risk reduction is defined, “The provision of an assessment, hands-on care, and guidance about nutrition and an enrollee’s health to the enrollee and caregivers to follow dietary specifications that are essential to the enrollee’s health and physical functioning, to prepare and eat nutritionally appropriate meals, and to promote better health thorough improved nutrition, including instructions on shopping for quality food and preparing food.”

Q 12. Providers can claim Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) funds for meals they serve through alternate funds such as the county and United Way if those meals meet OAA standards. Can a provider claim NSIP reimbursement for congregate meals served under other funding sources? What about home-delivered meals (HDM)?

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A. OAA-funded congregate meals served to a long-term care enrollee can be included in the NSIP reporting; however, HDM funded in whole or in part under Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care, Home Care for the Elderly, Community Care for the Elderly, or other means-tested programs cannot be included in the NSIP count.

Other questions and answers addressed in Notice: #070815-1-PC-SCBS remain relevant. If you have any questions please contact your contract manager. Thank you for your cooperation.