

173-39-02.2

**Provider certification: Alternative meal service.**

(A) "Alternative meal service" means a service that sustains an individual's health by enabling the individual to procure up to two meals per day from a non-traditional provider, such as a restaurant. "Alternative meal service" does not mean meals served in an adult day center.

(B) Requirements for an alternative meal service in addition to the requirements for every provider under rule 173-39-02 of the Administrative Code:

(1) In general: Each meal that the provider furnishes shall comply with all the requirements for home-delivered meals under rule 173-39-02.14 of the Administrative Code, except for the requirements in that rule that pertain to the delivery of the meal.

(2) Provider qualifications: Only an ODA-certified agency provider shall furnish the service.  
provider shall provide the service.

(C) Unit and rate:

(1) A unit of an alternative meal service is one meal.

(2) The maximum rate allowable for one unit of an alternative meal service is listed in appendix A to rule 5160-1-06.1 of the Administrative Code.

(3) The rates are subject to the rate-setting methodology in rule 5160-31-07 of the Administrative Code.