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173-4-03 Enrollment process.

- (A) Congregate meal program: The congregate meal provider or the AAA shall ensure that any person who desires to enroll in the provider's congregate meal program meets the eligibility criteria for congregate meal programs in rule 173-4-02 of the Administrative Code before the provider or AAA enrolls the person into the program.
- (B) Home-delivered meal program:
- (1) The home-delivered meal provider shall ensure that any person who desires to enroll in its home-delivered meal program meets the eligibility criteria for home-delivered meal programs under rule 173-4-02 of the Administrative Code before the provider enrolls the person into the program.
 - (2) The AAA may develop a process for conducting eligibility assessments for initial enrollments and annual reenrollments that a provider may conduct by telephone with a consumer or a consumer's caregiver. Face-to-face assessments are preferred.
 - (3) For any person that a hospital or nursing home discharges, the AAA may deem that the discharge summary from the hospital or nursing home complies with paragraphs (B)(1)(a) and (B)(1)(b) of rule 173-4-02 of the Administrative Code for seven calendar days following the discharge so that the person may receive home-delivered meals immediately following the discharge. A provider may only deliver meals after the thirtieth calendar day following the discharge if an assessment is performed that verifies that the person who desires to receive home-delivered meals meets the eligibility criteria for a home-delivered meal program under rule 173-4-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Alternative meal program (restaurants and grocery stores): The alternative meal provider or the AAA shall ensure that any person who desires to enroll in a providers alternative meal program meets the criteria for congregate meal programs in rule 173-4-02 of the Administrative Code before the provider or the AAA enrolls the person into the program.
- (D) If a waiting list for enrollment into a congregate meal program or a home-delivered meal program exists, the provider shall develop a prioritization system that distributes meals equitably by prioritizing persons who are determined to have high nutritional risk. The provider shall base the nutritional risk status of a person upon the following two criteria:
- (1) Nutritional health screening conducted according to rule 173-4-08 of the Administrative Code determines the nutritional risk status of each consumer.
 - (2) The nutritional risk status of the spouse with the higher nutritional risk determines the nutritional risk status of the couple.