

**ALAMEDA COUNTY (PSA 9) HOME DELIVERED MEALS
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PRIORITY RANKING**

Priority 1 - Acute Need with Limited or no Assistance

- recently discharged from hospital
- confined to bed
- no access to meals (including no one to prepare food at home)
- someone available to receive meal at front door

Must include a date to stop service or provide reassessment.

Priority 2 - Severe Functional Impairment (Chronic Illness) with Limited or no Assistance

In danger of not being able to live at home if meals are not provided.

- impaired in Activities of Daily Living (ADL) due to chronic medical condition (stroke, heart condition, severe Parkinson's, blind)
- dementia
- emotional/mental illness

Priority 3 - Functionally Impaired with Inadequate Assistance

- unable to shop for food and/or prepare meals
- undependable help from a caregiver
- person with limited help from homemaker or family members (number of hours, extent of food preparation)

Priority 4 - Functionally Impaired with Limited Assistance

A senior who is in an unstable caregiving situation and is unable to obtain adequate meals.

Priority 5 - Homebound

Need considerations:

- functionally impaired (frail)
- advanced age
- length of time on waiting list
- meal delivery to same address
- congregate meal "to go"