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PROGRAM MEMO

TO: AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS	NO.: PM 06- 11(P)
SUBJECT: TITLE III-C1 Meals for Adult Day Health Care Centers	DATE ISSUED: March 22, 2006
REVISED	EXPIRES: Until Superseded
REFERENCES: Older Americans Act; Title 22. California Code of Regulations	SUPERSEDES: PM 86-35 (P)
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INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: Area Agencies on Aging (AAA): Violet Henry M.S., R.D., or Barbara Estrada M.S., R.D., Nutrition Consultants, Team A, vhenry@aging.ca.gov or bestrada@aging.ca.gov . (916) 928-5858 or (916) 928-3330. Title III-C Nutrition Service Providers and Adult Day Health Care Centers: contact your local AAA. www.aging.ca.gov . On the home page select Area Agencies on Aging to obtain a listing by county.	

The purpose of this Program Memo (PM) is to assist Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), Title III-C nutrition service providers (Title III-C), and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) centers in establishing contractual agreements for providing Title III-C congregate meals to participants in ADHC centers.

Recently, several questions have been raised about providing Title III-C congregate meals to ADHC participants and the appropriate contractual rate for these meals. Responses to these questions are as follows:

Q: Is the cost for a lunch meal covered in ADHC reimbursement from Medi-Cal or private payment?

A: ADHC centers usually receive a flat rate for all services provided to each participant. This rate is either collected by private payment or through Medi-Cal reimbursement. ADHC centers are



reimbursed by Medi-Cal at a fixed rate per day for the entire complement of required services, including lunch and any snacks. ADHC centers may charge private payment clients a flat rate for all services, including meals. Therefore, an ADHC cannot be separately billed for a Medi-Cal participant's lunches or snacks.

Q: Are all ADHC participants eligible for Title III-C congregate meals?

A: No. All ADHC participants are not eligible for Title III-C meals, because many ADHC center participants are not 60 years of age or over. Participants aged 60 years of age and older are not eligible if their meals are being paid for either through Medi-Cal or private payment fees. Only participants aged 60 years and over whose meals are not paid through a private payment agreement or Medi-Cal may qualify for Title III-C meal funds. This does not prohibit a congregate meal vendor from having a separate agreement to provide ADHC meals.

Q: What arrangements/agreements are suggested between ADHC centers and Title III-C nutrition service providers?

A: Each ADHC center that wants a Title III-C nutrition service provider to provide meals must enter into a formal contractual agreement. The meal provider must be aware of the following when negotiating an agreement:

- The total cost to prepare the meal without subsidies.
- Services being provided by the ADHC under the Medi-Cal rate includes meals
- The daily charge for private pay participants.
- Title III-C nutrition service providers cannot claim meals served to Medi-Cal clients since these meals are paid for under the Medi-Cal rate. Title III-C nutrition service providers must be sure not to include these meals in their count for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program.
- Meals served to private payment clients that pay a flat rate for all services, including meals, cannot be claimed under Title III-C because a fee is being charged.

The Department recognizes the limited financial resources of ADHC centers and Title III-C nutrition service providers and encourages cooperative arrangements to best provide meals to seniors.

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cc: Adult Day Health Care Centers