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The purpose of this Bulletin is to document policy and procedural changes that have already been noticed and adopted pursuant to California Department of Aging (CDA) Program Memo 21-09 regarding an update to the federal Older Americans Act Performance System (OAAPS).

As of July 1, 2021, Funded Partners providing Registered Services are required to comply with the federal data reporting changes described herein. Currently, this Bulletin only applies to the Title III-C and III-E service categories listed in the chart below.

Service Category	Service Unit	Data Classification
Traditional Congregate Meals	Meals served	Registered
Non-Traditional Congregate Meals	Meals served	Registered
Home-Delivered Meals	Meals delivered	Registered

Caregiver SUPPORT:
    Caregiver Assessment
    Caregiver Counseling
	
	Hours
	Hours
		
		Registered
		Registered

Caregiver Respite (all types)	Hours	Registered

There are two changes that apply to all Registered Services:

1. The data field for **Race** no longer accepts "Multiple Race" or "Other" as valid answers. Instead, the field allows multiple responses to be entered simultaneously as appropriate (e.g., "White" and "Hispanic" for someone who identifies as both).

2. The data field for **Rural/Urban** now populates automatically in the GetCare database once the Zip Code has been entered. For consistency, rural designation is determined by RUCA Codes (https://familymedicine.uw.edu/rhrc/ruca/), and the field cannot be over-ridden. Nevertheless, AAA4 will continue to use the prior method for recognizing rural communities (geographic isolation figures), so there is no material impact of this change on Funded Partners.

For Registered Nutrition Services, **Nutrition Risk** now displays as "Yes" or "No" based upon the total score which is computed automatically in the GetCare database. A score of 6 or more represents high nutrition risk (Yes), and a score of 5 of less signifies low nutrition risk (No).

For Registered Caregiver Services, the term **Caregivers of Older Adults** has replaced "Caregivers Serving Elderly Individuals," and two relationship options have been added: Brother and Sister. Similarly, the term **Older Elderly Relative** has replaced "Grandparents and Other Elderly Caregivers Serving Children," and one relationship option has been added: Parents

Any Funded Partner that is not already collecting this client information in a compatible format must begin doing so immediately. Funded Partners must ask clients to provide this information; however, clients are not required to provide it to them in order to receive services. Hence "Decline to State" is also an acceptable response for the data fields above.

Updated Minimum Data Requirements listings are attached for Title III-C and III-E.

Questions should be directed to AAA4's Data Team.