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PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amend Policy or Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Clarification <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
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As of April 1, 2026, Funded Partners providing Home Delivered Meals Services are required to comply with the federal data reporting changes described herein. Currently, this Bulletin only applies to the Title III-C2 service categories listed in the chart below.

Service Category	Service Unit	Data Classification
Home-Delivered Meals	Meals delivered	Registered

According to the California Department of Aging (CDA) and California Code of Regulations (CCR), individuals who are eligible to receive a home delivered meal are individuals who:

- Are frail as defined by 22 CCR 7119, homebound by reason of illness or disability, or otherwise isolated. These individuals shall be given priority in the delivery of services. [45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1321.69(a)].
- A spouse of a person defined in 22 CCR 7638.7(C)(2) regardless of age or condition, if an assessment concludes that is in the best interest of the homebound older individual.
- An individual with a disability who resides at home with older individuals, if an assessment concludes that it is in the best interest of the homebound older individual who participates in the program.

Changes to the Eligibility Instructions section of the Home Delivered Meals Assessment are as follows:

Previous Eligibility Instructions:

Individuals who are 60 years of age or older AND frail (see question #1) AND homebound (see question #2) meet the minimum qualifications. However, a “Yes” answer to questions 3, 4 or 5 will disqualify him/her unless special circumstances are involved (e.g., recent return from the hospital or recent death of a spouse).

1. Is the person physically frail (total ADLs figure above = 2 or more) or mentally frail (requires substantial supervision)?
2. Is the person homebound (unable to leave house without assistance)?
3. Is the person capable of preparing simple meals (without assistance)?
4. Does the person live w/ someone capable of preparing simple meals?
5. Does the person have adequate family or paid support for meals?

New Eligibility Instructions:

Individuals who are 60 years of age or older AND frail OR homebound by reason of illness or disability OR otherwise isolated meet minimum qualifications.

1. Is the person physically frail (total ADLs figure above = 2 or more) or mentally frail (requires substantial supervision)?
2. Is the person homebound (unable to leave the house without assistance)?
3. Is the person otherwise isolated (chooses not to participate in, or does not feel comfortable, dining in a group setting)?

Note that these changes have been applied to the GetCare System.

Any Funded Partner that is not already collecting this client information must begin doing so immediately.

Questions should be directed to AAA4's Data Team.