



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 173-39-02.2 ODA provider certification: alternative meals.

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(A) "Alternative meals" means a participant-directed service for sustaining an individual's health by enabling the individual to procure up to two meals per day from a non-traditional provider, such as a restaurant, but not an adult day center.

(B) Requirements for ODA-certified provider of alternative meals:

(1) General requirements: The provider is subject to rule 173-39-02 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Requirements specific to meals: The provider is subject to all the requirements for ODA-certified providers of home-delivered meals in rule 173-39-02.14 of the Administrative Code except delivery requirements.

(3) Provider qualifications: Only an agency provider qualifies for ODA's certification to provide alternative meals.

(C) Unit and rates:

(1) For the PASSPORT program, the appendix to rule 5160-1-06.1 of the Administrative Code lists the following:

(a) A unit of alternative meals as one meal provided according to this rule.

(b) The maximum-allowable rate for one unit of alternative meals.

(2) For the PASSPORT program, rule 5160-31-07 of the Administrative Code establishes the rate-setting methodology for alternative meals.

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