



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 173-4-09 Older Americans Act nutrition program: nutrition health screening.

Effective: March 20, 2022

(A) Definitions for this rule:

"Form ODA0010" means the "'Determine Your Own Nutritional Health' checklist (Rev. May 28, 2009)." ODA publishes the form on www.aging.ohio.gov. It is available to the general public at no cost.

"High nutritional risk" means the status of a consumer whose score on form ODA0010 is six or above.

"Nutrition health screening" ("screening") means using form ODA0010 to screen a consumer for nutritional risks and, if the screening determines the consumer to be at high nutritional risk, referring consumer to providers of home and community-based services with potential for reducing the risk.

(B) In every AAA-provider agreement for nutrition health screening paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds, the AAA shall include the following requirements:

(1) General requirements: In the AAA-provider agreement, the AAA shall include the requirements in rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code for every AAA-provider agreement paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds.

(2) Stand-alone or part: The provider may screen consumers as a stand-alone service or as part of a nutrition project or nutrition counseling. Providers are strongly encouraged to screen consumers in person.

(3) Checklist: The provider shall use form ODA0010 to screen consumers for nutritional risks in person. During a state of emergency declared by the governor or a federal public health emergency, the provider may screen consumers by telephone, video conference, or in person.



(4) Referrals: If a screening determines a consumer to be at high nutritional risk, the provider shall refer the consumer to providers of home and community-based services with potential for reducing the risk. The AAA-provider agreement shall not require the provider to record the identity of providers to whom it made referrals.

(5) Service verification: For each screening, the provider shall retain records to verify the date of the screening, the consumer's name, the provider's name, and an indication of whether the consumer is at high nutritional risk.

(C) Units:

(1) One unit of nutrition health screening provided as a stand-alone service is a single instance of screening one consumer.

(2) When a provider provides nutrition health screening as part of another service paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds, the screening is part of the cost of providing a unit of a meal through the other service.