



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 173-4-11 Older Americans Act nutrition program: grocery ordering and delivery.

Effective: January 1, 2026

(A) "Grocery ordering and delivery" means a service for a consumer who needs assistance shopping for groceries that allows the consumer to order groceries, then delivers the ordered groceries to the consumer's home or vehicle (e.g., at a drive-thru pick-up window).

(B) Requirements for every AAA-provider agreement for grocery ordering and delivery paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds:

(1) The AAA-provider agreement is subject to rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Procedures: The provider shall develop and implement procedures for the delivery of groceries.

(3) Payment:

(a) No Older Americans Act funds, other than funds from Title III-B, III-C, or III-E of the Older Americans Act, may pay for grocery ordering and delivery.

(b) No Older Americans Act funds, other than funds from Title III-B, III-C, or III-E of the Older Americans Act, may pay for consumable supplies or material aid to meet a consumer's needs or preferences, such as groceries. Providers may accept other funds (e.g., private pay, SNAP) for consumable supplies or material aid to meet a consumer's needs or preferences.

(4) Service verification:

(a) The following are the mandatory reporting items for each episode of service that a provider retains to comply with the requirements under paragraph (B)(9) of rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code:

(i) Consumer's name.



(ii) Service date.

(iii) Unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver to attest to receiving the service.

(b) During a state of emergency declared by the governor or a federal public health emergency, the provider may verify each episode of service provided without collecting the unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver.

(C) Units: One unit of grocery ordering and delivery is one episode of grocery ordering and delivery.