



Title VI Conference

Nutrition Services Incentive Program and Indian Tribal Organizations

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OAA Funded Nutrition Programs

The Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program is funded by:

- Title IIIC Part A: Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)
- Title VI- American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians

Compliance Requirements

NSIP Meals must...

1. Include domestic food products.
2. Comply with OAA nutritional standards.
3. Be served by an eligible agency.
4. Be served to an eligible participant.

NSIP Meals must... be Served to an Eligible Participant

- An eligible participant is:
 - Served by an Eligible Agency that serves OAA nutritional compliant meals
 - Not required to undergo a means test to determine eligibility for the nutrition program
 - Offered the opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the cost of the meal

NSIP's Purpose

Title III Section 311(a) of the Older Americans Act:
“...to provide incentives to encourage and reward effective performance by States and tribal organizations in the efficient delivery of nutritious meals to older individuals

Prohibited Uses of NSIP Funds

NSIP funds may not be used for:

- Administration costs,
- Meal production costs, such as labor, transportation, equipment, congregate site operations, home delivery costs,
- Other service costs such as nutrition education or nutrition counseling.

NSIP Meals must... Include Domestic Food Products

- NSIP funds can only be used by project/providers to purchase domestically produced food products.
- Domestically produced food is defined as: food grown/processed in the United States.

Best Practices

- Ensure the NSIP contribution toward the meal cost either equals or exceeds the NSIP funding allocation.
- Historically, NSIP has contributed $\pm 63\text{-}82\text{¢}$ toward each meal. Knowing this average may help you develop a procedure/process that ensures compliance.

Food Vendors can assist with NSIP Compliance

- Vendors should list 'food origin' for each food item generally ordered. If not, have your food vendor add 'food origin' to your order book, or the invoice.
- Nutrition Project/Provider should know the cost per serving of all food items on the menu.
- Prudent Nutrition Project/Providers ensure at least 82¢ of each meal is used to purchase domestically produced food items.

Vendor Invoice Example

NSIP funds can be used for which food items?

Description	Pack	Product Origin	Pack Price
Pork Chop, bone in, 4 oz EP	20# box/ 80 ct	USA	\$85.00
Milk, 2%, 1/2 pint	crate	Illinois	\$12.05
Apple Sauce, unsweetened	#10 can/6	Chile	\$4.40
Strawberries, Fresh	flat	Mexico	\$7.88
Rice, wild	10#	China	\$5.00

NSIP can only Purchase Domestically Grown Foods

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Follow up Question:

How much is the Unit Cost for the Pork Chop?

NSIP Meals must... Comply with the OAA Nutritional Standards

As outlined in the Title VI Program Manual

Visit <https://olderindians.acl.gov/title-vi-resource-manual>

NSIP Meals must... be Served by an Eligible Agency

- Eligible Agencies include those that are funded (in part or whole) by:
 - OAA Title VI
 - OAA Title III-C2
 - OAA Title III-C1

Can Medicaid Funded Meals be Included for the NSIP Meal Count?

- No, because:
 - Medicaid uses a means test to determine eligibility.

What Situations would make a Meal Ineligible for NSIP?

- Meals served in any type of means-tested program to include, but not limited to, Medicaid Waiver Programs.
- Meals served in a fee for service program.
- Meals not served by an eligible agency.
- Meals served to someone not eligible under OAA.
- Meals that do not meet all the requirements of the OAA nutritional standards.

Thank you

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