

Questions and Answers Regarding USDA

- 1. In the past, programs received USDA reimbursement based on the number of meals reported to Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD). Will programs continue to receive USDA funds based on the number of meals served?**

Yes, but funding for the current year is based on the number of meals served during the previous year. A set amount of USDA funds will be allocated to each program. ADSD will draft a Notification of Grant Award for each program. The NGA will state the amount of funds that will be available to the programs for the grant period (ex. 10/1/09 – 9/30/10).

The distribution of funding will be determined by the percentage of cash and food that each program has elected to receive for the year and the amount of total funds allocated to ADSD.

- 2. If I serve more meals than I served last year, will the program receive additional USDA funds?**

Each program is only eligible to receive funds determined by the NGA. During the year, USDA or FNS may adjust the amount of funding to ADSD due to unspent or supplemental appropriations. If supplemental funding is received by ADSD, then ADSD will distribute these funds first to programs which are exceeding their Title III-C funded meals. A revised NGA will be drafted indicating the supplemental amount.

- 3. To receive USDA funding, do programs have to serve a minimum number of meals?**

No, but the number of meals served will affect the amount of USDA funding the program will receive the following year. For the current year USDA funding is a grant and is to be distributed evenly over a twelve-month period.

Title III-C funding is based on providing a minimum number of meals but has nothing to do with receiving funds.

- 4. How many meals can be provided to home-delivered clients?**

ADSD funds can be used to provide a maximum of 7 meals, per week, to each eligible home-delivered meal client. Additional meals can be provided, but the program is responsible for the additional costs to provide the meals.

- 5. How many congregate meals can my program provide?**

ADSD funds can be used to provide a maximum of 5 meals, per week, to each eligible congregate participant. The 5 meals can be provided on any combination of days in a one-week period, Sunday through Saturday.

6. What about special days such as holiday celebrations, recognitions, etc?

ADSD funds 5 congregate meals in a one-week period. The 5 meals can include a holiday meal or if the site is closed on a holiday, a meal could be provided on the weekend.

7. Can my program choose to serve a breakfast meal or dinner meal?

Yes, but again, ADSD funding is based on only 5 congregate meals or 7 home-delivered meals, per eligible participant, per week.

8. Do I continue to report on the total meals served?

Yes, because ADSD needs a true count of the number of meals that are provided by each program. USDA allocations are based on the meals reported the prior year.

It is important that all meals are counted, so Nevada receives credit for every meal served. The more meals served, the greater the amount of USDA funds that will be received next year.

9. Can I count meals that are provided to seniors by an alternative sponsor? Examples are a local casino, restaurant or fraternal organization.

Yes, if the meals meet the following criteria: the meals are perceived as a donation to the program and are documented as a donation; the seniors are 60 years of age and older; and the meal that is provided meets the 1/3 of the daily Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) menu requirement.