# Instructions for Completing The Nutritional Referral/Assessment for Home Delivered Meals Form

## **General Instructions**

	Check appropriate box.
New Client,	(If ineligible or being terminated, be sure to indicate reason.)
Reassessment,	
Ineligible/Termination (Reason)	
Referral Source	Check appropriate box and if a CCU or MCO, include the name of the organization making the referral in the space provided.
Days Older Adult to receive	<b>NOTE:</b> Some options may not be available in the service area.
meals (Choose all that apply):	
M T W TH F	The MCO or the CCU must check the AAA website in the
All M-F Weekend	Planning and Service Area (PSA) where the nutrition provider is located to determine what meal options are available.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meals	Most nutrition service providers downstate only have the resources to provide one meal per day and generally provide a mid-day meal.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> meals would be preference for supper meals.
	Choose the days the Older Adult needs meals (choose any options that apply).
Type of Meal(s):	Mark the types of meals the Older Adult would need and/or be
Hot	able to prepare.
Cold Frozen	(Check the AAA's website in the PSA for available options for Home Delivered Meals.)
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Special Notes:	Provide information specific to the Older Adult's restrictions, needs, etc.
Priority Level Drop Down box (Top of Page 1)	Use the Priority Level Screening Questions on Page 3
Choose "HIGH" on fillable PDF or Hand write on print version	<ul> <li>If "NO" to both 1(a) and 1(b)</li> <li>Provide meals as soon as possible, in no later</li> </ul>
	than 2 Business days.
	Source: The Expanded Food Security Screener – Home-Delivered Meals Prioritization Tool developed by the College of Agriculture &
	Natural Resources Department of Nutrition and Food Science
	at the University of Maryland.

	Use the Priority Level Screening Questions on Page 3
Choose "INTERMEDIATE" on fillable PDF or Hand write on print version	<ul> <li>If score of 2-6 points for questions 2(a) through 2(f)         AND answers "YES" or "NO" to Question #3             Prioritize above those at "Low" priority             Provide HDMs within 5 Business Days or sooner (if there is NOT a waitlist and resources are available)</li></ul>
	Source: The Expanded Food Security Screener – Home-Delivered Meals Prioritization Tool developed by the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland.  Use the Priority Level Screening Questions on Page 3
Choose "LOW" on fillable PDF or Hand write on print version.	<ul> <li>If score of 0-1 point for questions 2(a) through 2(f)         AND answers "YES" or "NO" to Question #3</li></ul>
Duration of Meals:	Natural Resources Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland.  Select the duration the Older Adult will be receiving meals.
Short Term Long Term	Check only one box. Indicate the time the Older Adult anticipates the need for home delivered meals.
Re-evaluate date:	<ul> <li>Short term (e.g. Recovery time after a surgery, caregiver unavailable, hospitalization, etc.).</li> <li>Long term (longer time of need for meals).</li> </ul>

Special Diet Needs: General Diabetic Low Sodium Other (specify)	Does the Older Adult need a "General," "Diabetic," or Low Sodium diet? If there is another diet the Older Adult needs, please indicate and check the "Other" option.
Older Adult Demographic Information	
Name:	Enter the Older Adult's full name.
Address:	Enter the Older Adult's residence including the zip code.
State:	
City:	
Zip Code: DOB:	Enter the Older Adult's date of birth.
Phone Number:	
Cell Phone:	Enter the phone numbers of the Older Adult.
Authorized Representative:	Enter the name of the authorized representative, if applicable and
Phone:	their phone number.
Emergency Contact Name #1 and #2	Enter the name of the older adult's emergency contact(s) and their
Relationship	relationship to the older adult.
Daytime/Cell Phone	Enter the daytime/cell phone number for the emergency
	contact(s).
Ethnicity:	Choose one of the Ethnicity options.
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Hispanic or Latino – A person of Cuban,	(NOTE: The IDoA is required to report data from the responses in
Mexican, Puerto Rican, South of Central	this section to the federal agency).
American, or other Spanish culture or origin,	·
regardless of race.	
Not Hispanic or Latino	
Race:	Check all races that apply.
White – A person having origins in any of the peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	(NOTE: The IDoA is required to report data from the answers in this section to the federal agency).
Black or African American – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa.	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.	
American Indian or Alaskan Native — A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachments.	
Asian or Asian American – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East,	

Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent	
including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine	
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Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.	
Gender:	Check only one box to indicate the Older Adult's gender.
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Female	
Other Are you a Veteran?	
Yes	Check Yes or No.
No Marital Status:	
M, D, S, W	Check the box to indicate the Older Adult's marital status
Domestic Partner	(Married, Divorced, Separated, Widowed, Domestic Partner, or
	Legally Separated).
Legally Separated	What type of housing does the older adult live in /home or
Type of Housing:	What type of housing does the older adult live in (home or
Home	apartment)? If it is another type of housing besides a Home or
Apt #	Apartment, check Other and specify the type.
Other (specify)	
Subsidized Housing:	Does the Older Adult live in subsidized housing? Check Yes or No.
Yes	
No	
Below Poverty:	Does the Older Adult have income that is below Federal poverty
Yes	level (Y or N)? Refer to the most recent HHS Federal Poverty
No	Guidelines sheet provided annually.
Monthly Income:	Enter the Older Adult's monthly income.
# of Individuals in the Household	Enter the number of individuals that live in the older adult's home
	including the older adult.
Limited English Speaking:	Does the Older Adult have limited English speaking capabilities
Yes	and if so, what is his/her primary language?
No	
If yes, specify primary language spoken:	
Nutrition Risk Screen	
Nutrition Risk Screen – 10 questions	This section contains questions to determine if the Older Adult
(select points under Yes or No) FEDERALLY	has high nutritional risk. Each question is assigned a point value if
REQUIRED INFORMATION	the Older Adult's answer is "yes" to a question. Total the points
	chosen in the "Y" column. If the total is six or more points, the
	Older Adult is considered to have high nutritional risk. The
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	fillable PDF version will total the points automatically based on
	the selected responses to each question.
	Responses do not determine eligibility for HDM.
	(NOTE: The IDoA is required to report data from the answers in
	this section to the federal agency).
	Source: DETERMINE Your Nutritional Health Checklist developed
	by the Nutrition Screening Initiative
	Revised 6/21/2021

#### What do the scores mean:

#### 0-2: GOOD NUTRITION STATUS

Should have their nutritional score rechecked in 6 months or annually.

#### 3-5: MODERATE NUTRITIONAL RISK

Lifestyle changes may be necessary. Should have their nutritional score rechecked in 3 to 6 months.

#### 6-21: HIGH NUTRITIONAL RISK

Client should follow-up with a healthcare provider, dietitian, or social service professional to improve their nutritional health.

Note: The screening suggests risk but does not represent a diagnosis of any condition.

Nutritional Risk was explained to client

Check the box "Nutritional Risk was explained to the client" to indicate that the client's nutrition risk score was provided to them and explained which category they fall in.

Client is considered at High Nutritional Risk. A recommendation was made to follow-up with a healthcare provider.

Check the box "Client is considered at High Nutritional Risk, a recommendation was made to follow-up with a healthcare provider" if the client's nutrition score is 6 or above.

If a client was screened at high nutritional risk upon initial assessment, they should be asked upon re-assessment if they followed up with a healthcare provider about their high nutritional risk.

If this box is checked, then the CCU, MCO, or Home Delivered Meal provider shall, if feasible, make a recommendation or referral to additional services to help improve the clients nutritional risk (e.g. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a CCU if the Nutrition Provider was the agency completing the form, a Registered Dietitian, or MCO).

The Home Delivered Meal Nutrition Provider should provide all Home Delivered Meal Participants upon starting the program, the IDoA Nutritional Risk and Your Health Brochure (IL-402-1262) regardless of Nutrition Risk status to inform/remind the client about their nutrition status.

### Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)

Impairment/Problem with Activity of Daily Living (ADL)

Impairment/Problem with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)

**FEDERALLY REQUIRED** 

**INFORMATION** 

This section contains questions to determine an Older Adult's assistance level for activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.

If a Determination of Need (DON) assessment has already been completed by the CCU, you may use the Part A, Level of Impairment, score for these items. If a DON has not been completed by a CCU, the Older Adult should be asked about his/her need for assistance for each ADL/IADL. Each item will be assigned one of the following answers and the corresponding point value should be entered on the form. The fillable PDF will automatically calculate the total and number of Yes and No responses.

- Independent Enter 0 or No
   Independent (no assistance required): A score of zero for any function indicates that the Older Adult performs or can perform all essential components of the activity, with or without an existing assistive device.
- Minimal Assist Enter 1 or Yes
   Minimal Assistance: A score of one for any function indicates that the Older Adult performs or can perform most essential components of the activity with or without an existing assistive device, but some impairment of function remains such that the Older Adult requires some supervision or physical assistance to accomplish some or all components of the activity.
- Moderate Assist Enter 2 or Yes
   Moderate Assistance: A score of two for any function
   indicates that the Older Adult cannot perform most of the
   essential components of the activity, even with an existing
   assistive device, and requires a great deal of assistance or
   supervision to accomplish the activity.
- Extensive Assist Enter 3 or Yes
   Extensive Assistance: A score of three for any function indicates that the Older Adult cannot perform the activity and requires someone to perform the task, although the Older Adult may be able to assist in small ways, or require constant supervision.
- Unknown Enter 4 or No
   Unknown: (unable to determine need for assistance, needs assistance but refuses or does not provide an answer).

Additional Nutrition Information	
Who does the grocery shopping?	Name(s) of individual who does the grocery shopping for
How often?	the Older Adult. Indicate frequency of shopping (ie.
	weekly, monthly, etc.).
Can Older Adult	Ask the Older Adult if he/she can feed him/herself. If the
feed self?	answer is "No" list who provides assistance and the type(s) of
Yes	help needed from the options listed.
No	
If no, who assists?	
What type of help:	
Cutting	
Feeding	
Opening Containers	
Is anyone available to prepare food?	Ask the Older Adult if there is anyone in the household to
Yes/No	prepare food and if "Yes" list who provides the assistance, the
If you who?	frequency, and the meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) when
If yes, who?	assistance is available.
What days?	
Which meals?	
Does Older Adult have difficulty-	Does the Older Adult have difficulty chewing or have poor
chewing/poor dental health?	dental health?
Yes	
No	
Older Adult's kitchen facilities and	Does the Older Adult have the types of kitchen facilities
equipment:	and equipment listed available?
(Check all that apply)	
Kitchen Kitchen privileges	
Stove Microwave	
Refrigerator Freezer w/available space	
Is Older Adult able to use these appliances	Ask the Older Adult which appliances from the list he/she
unsupervised (Check all that apply):	can use unsupervised.
Stove	
Freezer	
Microwave	
Refrigerator	
Older Adult food source for the weekends:	How does the Older Adult obtain meals on weekends?
Dietary Restrictions:	List any dietary restrictions given by the Older Adult.
Food Allergies	If the participant has a food allergy, Check "Yes" and
	indicate which food(s) they are allergic to. If they do not
Yes (specify)	have any food allergies, check "No."
No	
	All clients will be provided with the "Food Allergy/Special
<b>NOTE</b> : It is the client's responsibility to	Diet Notification Handout" by the HDM Nutrition Provider
review the weekly menu and bring any	when they receive their first delivery of HDMs.
allergy concerns to the attention of the	
nutrition provider. When feasible, the	When feasible, the provider will supply a special meal to
nutrition provider. When feasible, the	When feasible, the provider will supply a special meal to

provider will supply a special meal to meet	meet the dietary needs of the client.
the dietary needs of the client.	Examples may include but are not limited to: swapping out cow's milk for a calcium-fortified soy or nut-based milk alternative for a Dairy Allergy; swapping out wheat bread for a slice of potato bread for a wheat allergy; providing an "allergy-friendly" shelf-stable or frozen meal that does not contain the client's food allergens.
	Please note: In most cases it may not be safe to serve the program's regular meals to a person with a physician documented life-threatening allergy due the risk of
	unknown ingredients and cross-contamination.
Are you currently receiving food assistance benefits?	Examples may include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) also referred to as "Food Stamps"
Voc	program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP),
Yes No	Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), which runs from July to the end of October, the Commodity
110	Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), or others.
	If the person indicates "NO" and they also scored "High Nutritional Risk," they would benefit from one or more of these additional nutrition programs.
Reason/Eligibility for Home Delivered Meals:	The case manager or assessor should indicate all reason(s)
(Check all that apply)	the Older Adult needs Home Delivered Meals. If "other" is
Homebound	chosen, the case manager or assessor should provide
<ul> <li>Permanently disabled</li> </ul>	further detail.
<ul> <li>Temporarily disabled</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Respite for caregiver</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Meal for spouse or disabled adult in</li> </ul>	
home	
Other (specify)  Older Adult will be a fit from Home Polingrad	
Older Adult will benefit from Home Delivered Meals because: (Check all that apply)  • Meals will increase nutritional intake as Older Adult has a limited income  • Older Adult has difficulty cooking, tires easily  • Older Adult is recovering from surgery, illness, etc.  • Other (specify)	The case manager or assessor should indicate all benefits to the Older Adult from receiving home delivered meals. If "other" is chosen, the case manager or assessor should provide further detail.
Currently receiving home delivered meals from	Answer "Yes" if older adult receives Home Delivered Meals
another source: Yes No	(HDMs) from any other source such as church, family, etc.

	r Health Problems (Check all that apply)	
Ambu	llation: Full Partial Assisted Bedfast	Ask the Older Adult about his/her ambulation capability.
Visio	on: Full Limited Glasses Blind	Ask the Older Adult about his/her vision capability.
Heai	Hard of Hearing Hearing Aid Deaf	Ask the Older Adult about his/her hearing capability.
	ermination of Need (DON) score (If known):	Enter the Older Adult's total DON score (If Known).
Othe	er major health concerns (describe):	Describe any other major health concerns.
Priori	<b>ty Level Screening Questions</b> (After Client is de	termined to be "eligible for HDMs)
1)	a) If you had groceries available, would you be able to use them to prepare hot meals?  Responses: Yes (Go to Question 2)	Check only one box for each question/sub question.  Add the points from questions 2(a) – 2(f).
1)	No (Go to Question 1 (b)) b) Do you have reliable help with meal	Note: if using the fillable PDF version, it will automatically tota
,	preparation? Responses: Yes (Go to Question 2)	the points selected for questions 2(a) – 2(f).
2)	statement true? The food that we bought just	Select the Point Range/Priority Level based on the total points
	didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more.  Responses: Often, Sometimes, Never	from 2(a) – 2(f) and the response (Yes or No) for Question #3 to determine the Priority Level and additional services that the client may benefit from.
2)	b) During the last monthhow often was this statement true? We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.  Responses: Often, Sometimes, Never	
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2)	d) During the last monthdid you or other adults in your household ever skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?  Responses: Yes, No	
2)	e) During the last monthdid you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?  Responses: Yes, No	
2)	f) During the last monthwere you ever hungry but didn't eat because you couldn't afford enough food?	
3)	Responses: Yes, No Are you able to get groceries into your home when you need them? Responses:	

Yes (Select the point range below)

0-1 Point = Low Priority	
2-6 Points = Intermediate Priority	
(May benefit from additional nutrition	
services)	
No (Select the point range below)  0-1 Point = Low Priority	
(May benefit from Grocery Shopping Services	
or Food Delivery)	
2-6 Points = Intermediate Priority	
(May benefit from additional nutrition	
services)	
Other Contacts Information	
Primary Physician Name:	Name and phone number of the doctor the Older Adult would
Primary Physician Phone: For Home Delivered Meal Providers	like to have listed on the form.
Referred client to Community Care Program (CCP)	Check this box if you are the HDM Nutrition Provider completing
for additional Home and Community Based Services	this form and have identified that the client would benefit from
53.7755	additional services from the Community Care Program (CCP).
The HDM client was informed of the	The HDM meal provider must check this box regardless of
possibility that foods may contain or come	the client's response of Yes of No to having food allergies.
into contact with food allergens.	<b>6</b> 22 2 2 <b>6</b> 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	By checking the box, it signifies that the HDM Nutrition
	Provider gave the client the Food Allergy/Special Diets
	Notification with their first delivery of meals.
Authorization of Release of Information	,
I give permission to, to send a copy of this	Provide the name of the case manager or assessor who will send
assessment form to the Home Delivered Meal	a copy of the referral form to the meal provider and the name of
(HDM) Provider,, and to discuss my needs	the Home Delivered Meal provider. This person is also granted
with the HDM Provider, Care Coordination Unit (CCU), Managed Care Organization (MCO), and/or	authorization to discuss the Older Adult's home delivered meal
AAA.	needs with the provider, CCU, MCO, and Area Agency on Aging
	(AAA).
Older Adult Signature:	The Older Adult signs the referral form or provides verbal
, and the second	consent if completed by telephone.
	Adobe Acrobat Instructions for the Older Adult's signature (if
	available):
	Click on "Fill & Sign" under the Tools tab.
	Click on the ink pen "Sign" at the top of the form.
	Click on "Add Signature".
	Choose "Draw".
	Use the curser to sign the document or if touchpad, use
	finger or stylus, etc.
	Click "Apply" and click to place the signature.
	In the event that Adobe Acrobat signature option in unavailable,
	the form should be printed out for the older adult to sign.
Verbal Consent Provided	Check this box if verbal consent was provided by telephone
	instead of the older adult signing the form in person.
Data	Enter the date that the older adult signed the form or provided
Date:	verbal consent (can be done by using the drop-down calendar).
I certify this Older Adult meets eligibility criteria for	Home Delivered Meals under the Older Americans Act.
Case Manager Name:	Provide the name and phone number of the case manager or
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	assessor who completed the referral form.
Organization:	Provide the name of the Managed Care Organization (MCO).
Phone Number:	Provide the phone number of the MCO or CCU completing the form.
Email:	Provide the email address of the Organization completing the form.
Signature:	Enter the case manager's digital or electronic signature or the assessor's signature if the nutrition provider is completing the form.
	(NOTE: The case manager may need to create an electronic signature in Adobe.)
Date:	Enter the date (can be done by using the drop-down calendar).
HDM Start Date:	Provide the date the Older Adult may begin receiving HDMs. (can be done by using the drop-down calendar.)
Reassessment Date:	Provide the date when the Older Adult should be reassessed for his/her need for HDMs. (can be done by using the dropdown calendar).  NOTE: The reassessment is required to be completed annually unless otherwise indicated during or after the referral form is completed.
Termination Date:	Provide the date temporary HDMs can be stopped for the Older Adult. For example: if meals are to provide respite for a caregiver; during recovery following hospitalization or illness where the client is expected to recover and no longer be homebound, etc. (can be done by using the drop-down calendar).
Driver Instructions: (circle all that apply) Ring bell Knock loudly Beware of dog(s) Other:	Indicate any instructions for the driver to follow when delivering meals. If "other" is chosen, the case manager should provide further detail such as no handrails, steep steps, etc.
Completed by (For Referring Agencies Only)	
Name of Referring Agency Address Phone Number	Indicate the name, address, and phone number of the referring agency.
Print/Save/Clear Form	The case manager should "Print" or "Save" the form prior to choosing to "Clear Form".