

**17—7.19(231) Congregate nutrition services.** In providing nutrition services or in making awards for congregate nutrition services, the AAA shall:

1. Select and designate as a site any location where meals are served in a group setting with federal AOA nutrition funds or contributions from an AOA federal nutrition program, or both;
2. Provide a site in as close proximity to the majority of eligible individuals' residences as feasible, preferably within walking distance, or where transportation is available;
3. Provide for hot or other appropriate meals at least once a day, five or more days a week. In a county where there is a site providing meals five or more days a week, additional sites may be established which provide meals one or more days a week. Efforts shall be made and documented to the department annually to increase the number of serving days to a minimum of three days each week;
4. Coordinate with other community providers to arrange meals for older individuals on holidays that occur on regularly scheduled serving days and also to the general public in weather- and disaster-related emergencies, where feasible.

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