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## ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING SENIOR DINING PROGRAM

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEAL SERVICE

- 1. Individual must be age 60 or over, or be the resident spouse of an eligible participant who is receiving home-delivered meal service. In certain cases a disabled child may be eligible as well.**
- 2. Individual must be physically (due to accident, illness, frailty) and /or mentally unable to prepare or provide for his/her own nutritional needs.**
- 3. Individual must be limited in his/her ability to attend a congregate dining site (due to unavailability, lack of transportation, not handicap accessible), and have no other alternative (family, homemaker, aide, or friends able and willing) through which his/her nutritional needs can be met without hospitalization or institutionalization.**
- 4. Individual must reside within the established delivery area for home-delivered meals.**
- 5. Procurement of a doctor's prescription for meal service by the program is required. Thus, the individual must supply the physician's name upon registration.**
- 6. Temporary service may be provided due to short-term illness (flu, virus, etc).**
- 7. Individual must be responsible for meal acceptance, or if needed, have a competent adult on location with the authority to accept the meal on behalf of the individual.**
- 8. Individual, or his/her designated representative, must understand that the home-delivered meal program provides a noon-time nutritious meal that provides only one third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance, and that the provided service is subject to periodic re-evaluation as determined by the program.**

**The Office for the Aging will determine continued eligibility following a review of an in-home needs assessment.**