



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 8, 2019

TO: All Coastal Bend Common Home Delivered Meal Contractors

FROM: Viola Monrreal, AAA Director

SUBJECT: New Increased Reimbursement Rate for Home Delivered Meals

Effective September 1, 2019, the new home delivered meal (HDM) rate increase for Area Agencies on Aging home delivered meal providers goes into effect, increasing fixed reimbursement rates for common providers from \$4.95 to \$5.31. The additional \$.36 per home delivered meal is funded through State General Revenue funds and is in accordance with House Bill 1, General Appropriations Act (GAA), Eighty-Sixth Legislature, Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, Rider 99 (Page II-76 of the enrolled version of the GAA for the 2020-21 biennium). At this time, HHSC will not be able to determine the rates for the future biennia.

Common providers are those nutrition contractors who also have a HHSC Contract for Title XX home delivered meals. For Coastal Bend, all home delivered meals providers except Duval County also have contracts for Title XX Meals, thus are considered "common providers".

On September 3, 2019, Coastal Bend received a Notification of Funds available from HHSC totaling \$57,242 for the purpose of funding an additional \$.36 per home delivered meal for the funding period September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020. The funding allocation was based on projected meal counts identified in the completed rate negotiation notebooks for FY20. The additional general revenue provided by Texas State Legislature Rider 99 is not to provide additional meals, but to increase the provider reimbursement rate for each meal provided.

Since the funding was based on the State Fiscal Year, FY19 Contract Amendments for the seven Coastal Bend common home delivered meal providers must be amended to include the additional reimbursement for the month of September 2019.

Attached is your entity's FY2019 Contract Amendment No. 2 addressing the additional reimbursement of .36 per home delivered meal served for the month of September, 2019. Please have your authorized signatory sign the amendment, scan and send back to by email to betty@cbcogaaa.org by November 21, 2019. Your accounting department need not request these additional funds for September 2019 as the difference between the old rate of \$4.95 and the new rate of \$5.31 will be sent to you automatically by CBCOG. If you have questions about this amendment or the new reimbursement rate, please call me.