

REPORT ON OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING HOME-DELIVERED MEALS WAITING LISTS

(FY2013 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 200 of 2012)

February 1, 2013

Section 1403: (1) By February 1 of the current fiscal year, the office of services to the aging shall require each region to report to the office of services to the aging and to the legislature home-delivered meals waiting lists based upon standard criteria. Determining criteria shall include all of the following:

- (a) The recipient's degree of frailty.
- (b) The recipient's inability to prepare his or her own meals safely.
- (c) Whether the recipient has another care provider available.
- (d) Any other qualifications normally necessary for the recipient to receive home-delivered meals.

(2) Data required in subsection (1) shall be recorded only for individuals who have applied for participation in the home-delivered meals program and who are initially determined as likely to be eligible for home-delivered meals.

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The Office of Services to the Aging requires that Home Delivered Meals be offered as one of its core service programs. Following is a table providing data on the number of individuals on the waiting list and the time period that they are on the waiting list.

FY 2012	Total Number	< 30 days	30 to 60 days	> 60 days	> 180 Days
1 st Quarter	2,049	253	167	433	1,196
2 nd Quarter	2,332	296	133	248	1,655
3 rd Quarter	1,968	336	155	237	1,240
4 th Quarter	1,485	337	182	12	954

When individuals are placed on the waiting list for Home Delivered Meals they are also provided with assistance and/or referrals to other services. These include: local non-Area Agency on Aging food assistance programs (e.g., MiCAFE, Project FRESH), local food banks, the local Department of Human Services office, MiChoice Waiver Program, Community Living Program, and private pay programs.

Area Agencies on Aging and other aging networks that serve providers have attempted to reduce waiting lists in 2012 through local fundraising efforts, seeking additional grants, service delivery efficiencies (e.g., the use of new technologies) and service funding transfers.