



## IN LIEU OF SERVICES: COVERING NUTRITION SERVICES IN MICHIGAN'S MEDICAID PROGRAM

### WHAT ARE IN LIEU OF SERVICES (ILOS)?

ILOS are services the state deems medically appropriate and cost-effective when provided as substitutes for other Medicaid-covered services and settings. ILOS are administered through Medicaid, which is a health program, so they must address health-related needs.

In Michigan, the Medicaid Health Plans participating in the Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan are encouraged to offer up to four ILOS that address Medicaid Enrollees' food and nutrition-needs because there is [substantial evidence](#) showing that investing in food and nutrition significantly improves health outcomes and reduces unnecessary health care costs.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ILOS?

To be eligible to receive an ILOS, an Enrollee must be enrolled with a Medicaid Health Plan that offers ILOS in the Region where they reside and meet certain criteria related to their needs and clinical conditions.

➞ If you are interested in learning more about ILOS eligibility and the offerings available across Michigan, review the [ILOS Policy Guide](#), and the [Medicaid Health Plan offerings by Region](#). If you are enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan, refer to your Enrollee Handbook or contact your Medicaid Health Plan to learn more.

### HOW ARE ILOS DELIVERED?

Medicaid Health Plans determine an Enrollee's eligibility and approve ILOS. Once approved, an ILOS Provider delivers an ILOS to an Enrollee. ILOS Providers can include community-based organizations, farmers markets, food pantries, health care providers or health systems, local health departments, meal service providers, Tribal Governments and others.

➞ If you are interested in becoming an ILOS Provider, review the [ILOS Policy Guide](#) to learn more about each service and confirm that your organization meets the service specific qualifications, visit the [ILOS webpage](#) to explore available resources, and contact Medicaid Health Plans to discuss potential partnership opportunities.

#### MICHIGAN ILOS

- **Medically Tailored Home Delivered Meal:** Fresh or frozen home delivered meal which is medically tailored for a specific disease or condition.
- **Healthy Home Delivered Meal:** Nutritionally-balanced, home delivered meal consisting of hot, cold, frozen or shelf-stable meals.
- **Healthy Food Pack:** Consists of an assortment of medically-tailored or nutritionally appropriate foods.
- **Produce Prescription:** Voucher provided to purchase any variety of fruits and vegetables or plants/seeds that produce fruits and vegetables.

### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Please visit the [ILOS webpage](#) for additional information and resources. You can also subscribe to the listserv by signing up [here](#) or emailing [MDHHS-EngageMedicaid@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-EngageMedicaid@michigan.gov).