

COVID-19 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) **COVID-19 Guidance**

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NSIP and Nutrition Program Measures

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Area Agencies on Aging have been allocated supplemental nutrition services funding through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This funding was earmarked by Congress to provide significant and ongoing support to older adults and people with disabilities through meal programs across Kansas. The Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) provides significant support to the regular Older Americans Act funded Nutrition Programs. However, during the COVID-19 major disaster, the NSIP funding will be put on hold. Alternatively, the supplemental FFCRA and CARES Act funding will be used, exclusively, to support the Kansas Senior Nutrition Programs.

1. General information about the NSIP may be reviewed [here](#).
2. FFCRA and CARES Act Area Plan budget pages should **not** include the following revenue items:
 - NSIP (Cash, Entitlements & Bonuses)
 - Nutrition Check-Off
 - State Match (C-1 & C-2)
3. Program income must be budgeted and reported under the Title in which funds are expended for the service. For example, if Title III E funds are paying for home-delivered meals which would typically be paid out of C-2, the program income should still be reported under Title III E and not C-2.
4. The Administration for Community Living has granted KDADS a no cost extension for NSIP funds to September 30, 2021. Therefore, these funds will be available after the FFCRA and CARES Act funds have been depleted.
5. ACL is holding harmless meal counts from 2019 and will apply them to 2020 and 2021 NSIP allocations. While this alleviates the need to count COVID-19 meals for purposes of NSIP, AAAs **must continue** to track meals using COVID-19 Disaster funding in KAMIS for reporting purposes. This data entry will continue to be due on the **24th of every month**.
6. *Assessment – Abbreviated* and *Nutrition Education* should also be tracked in KAMIS using the DISAST funding code for the duration of the FFCRA and CARES Act area plan.
7. The ACL recommended order of spending is as follows:
 - FFCRA
 - CARES
 - 2018 Regular OAA, including NSIP
 - 2019 Regular OAA, including NSIP
 - 2020 Regular OAA, including NSIP

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