

Title III Data Elements & Definitions

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

The **Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)** of the Older Americans Act (OAA) provides grants to states, territories, and eligible Tribal organizations to support the Congregate and Home-Delivered Nutrition programs by providing an incentive to serve more meals. Grantees can choose to receive their grant as cash, commodities (food), or a combination of cash and commodities.

NSIP Qualified Meals

An NSIP meal is a meal served in compliance with all the requirements of the OAA program guidelines.

- **NSIP Qualified Title III-C Meals:** A meal provided to a qualified individual through a program that meet all the criteria for payment using OAA funds:
 - Served to an eligible individual, i.e., a person who is qualified to receive services under the OAA as defined in Title III; and
 - Served to an eligible person who has NOT been means-tested for participation; and
 - Compliant with the OAA nutrition requirements; and
 - Served by an eligible agency, i.e., has a grant or contract with a SUA or AAA; and
 - Served to a person who has an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of the meal.

Meals served under Title III-E supplemental services may be included if all the above criteria are met.

NSIP meal requirements do not have service delivery type restrictions. NSIP meals may include congregate, home-delivered, grab and go, restaurant, food truck, and other innovative delivery models.

- **NSIP Qualified Title III-E Meals:** NSIP meals also include home-delivered meals provided as Supplemental Services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (Title III-E) to persons meeting all the requirements stated above.

If a meal does not meet ALL these requirements, it CANNOT be included in the count for NSIP service units on the SPR/OAAPS.

NSIP Qualified Meals

For both Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals, you will need to report the number of meals served under Title III-C and the number of meals served under Title III-E.

Data Element	Units	Definition
NSIP Qualified Meal – Home Delivered	Meal	<p>Meal count used to determine a state’s allotment under the OAA Title III, Part A (Section 311).</p> <p>A meal provided to a qualified individual in his/her place of residence through a program that meets all of the criteria for payment using OAA funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served to an eligible individual, i.e., a person who is qualified to receive services under the OAA as defined in Title III; and • Served to an eligible person who has NOT been means-tested for participation; and • Compliant with the nutrition requirements; and • Served by an eligible agency, i.e., has a grant or contract with a SUA or AAA; and • Served to a person who has an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of the meal. <p>Meals served under Title III-E supplemental services may be included if all the above criteria are met. (Source: OAA §311)</p>
NSIP Qualified Meal – Congregate	Meal	<p>Meal count used to determine a state’s allotment under the OAA Title III, Part A (Section 311).</p> <p>A meal provided to a qualified individual in a congregate or group setting through a program that meets all of the criteria for payment using OAA funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served to an eligible individual, i.e., a person who is qualified to receive services under the OAA as defined in Title III; and • Served to an eligible person who has NOT been means-tested for participation; and • Compliant with the nutrition requirements; and • Served by an eligible agency, i.e., has a grant or contract with an SUA or AAA; and • Served to a person who has an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of the meal. <p>Meals served under Title III-E supplemental services may be included if all the above criteria are met. (Source: OAA §311)</p>

NSIP Expenditures

NSIP grant expenditures should be included in the OAA Title III Expenditures and Total Expenditures for both Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals.

Data Element	Definition
NSIP Expenditures	Outlays or payments made with Title III Nutrition Services Incentive Program, OAA (section 311), federal funds to purchase domestically produced or processed foods for use within a qualified meal. (Source: OAA §311)

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