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Lives

Ongoing Additional Requirements

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What is Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR)

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AGENDA

- What are Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR)?
- What type of assistance is available with OAR?
- How long are OAR payments issued to a client before review?
- Who determines OAR eligibility?
- How are OAR payments budgeted when the client is active on Food Benefits?

Ongoing Additional Requirements

- *Ongoing additional requirement (OAR) is a need beyond essential food, clothing, and shelter needs and is necessary to help the client continue living independently*
- **It is available to Aged, Blind, or Disabled clients who are receiving**
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - State Funded Assistance (SFA),
 - Refugee Cash Assistance,
 - Aged, Blind, or Disabled Cash Assistance,
 - SSI Medical or Long Term Care Medical.

Monthly OAR Payment Standards

Restaurant Meals	\$187.09
Laundry	\$11.13
Service Animal Food	\$33.66
Home Delivered Meals	Dependent on Agency
Telephone	Local Flat Rate or WTAP rate

Authorizations

Meals

May be authorized for clients with physical or mental impairment in their ability to prepare meals; and

- **Assistance with meals would help meet nutritional or health needs and**
- **Services are not available through another federal or state source, such as:**
 - Community Options Program Entry System (COPEs),
 - Medicaid Personal Care (MPC),
 - or informal support, such as a relative or volunteer.

Authorizations can be made for restaurant or home delivered meals.

Meals

- **Restaurants meals**

- (a) You are unable to prepare some of your meals;
- (b) You have some physical ability to leave your home; and
- (c) Home-delivered meals are not available or would be more expensive.

- **Home delivered meals**

- (a) You are unable to prepare any of your meals;
- (b) You are physically limited in your ability to leave your home; and
- (c) Home-delivered meals are available.

Services Animal Food

DSHS authorizes benefits of food for a service animal if we decide the animal is necessary for your health and safety, and supports your ability to continue to live independently.

A "service animal" is an animal that is trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a person with a disability's sensory, mental, or physical disability.

What is a service animal?

The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

- Service animals perform some of the functions and tasks that the individual with a disability cannot perform for him or herself.

Service Animal Examples

- Alerting persons with hearing impairments to sounds.
- Pulling wheelchairs or carrying and picking up things for persons with mobility impairments.
- Assisting persons with mobility impairments with balance.
- A service animal is not a pet.

Telephone

- **Without a telephone,**
 - the client's life would be endangered,
 - they could not live independently, or
 - they would require a more expensive type of personal care; and
- **The client has applied for the Washington telephone assistance program (WTAP) through their local telephone company.**

Laundry

- **The client is not physically able to do their laundry; or**
- **Do not have laundry facilities that are accessible to them due to their physical limitations.**

Resources

- **Eligibility A-Z Manual on OAR**

- <https://manuals.dshs.wa.gov/esa/automated-client-eligibility-system-aces/additional-requirements-ongoing-oar>

- **Social Services Manual on OAR**

- <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/social-services-manual/ongoing-additional-requirements>

Summary

- What are Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR)?
- What type of assistance is available from the OAR program?
- How long are OAR payments issued to a client before review?
- Who determines OAR eligibility?
- How are OAR payments budgeted when the client is active on Food Benefits?

Questions

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