

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

Update on Proposal for Iowa NSIP funding distribution to AAAs

The proposal for a change in the distribution of Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) funding was presented to IDA Commission on March 1, 2018. The proposal was initiated to explore opportunities to reverse the multi-year trend of declining congregate meal participation numbers by providing the AAAs with a financial incentive for increasing participant numbers. The Commission approved moving forward with the proposal. The proposal was discussed with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and concerns were expressed that the proposal could reduce NSIP funding for some of the AAAs.

Upon hearing these concerns, IDA has delayed action on the proposal and will be working with the Area Agencies on Aging to allow for additional strategies to be generated from the AAAs and their constituents. Plans are underway for IDA to visit each of the AAAs during July and August 2018. From the information gathered, a new proposal for incentivizing increased congregate meal participation will be developed and presented to the Commission at the December 6 meeting.

Proposed Timeline

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| • July-August 2018 | Meet with each AAA, their contractors and consumers , to gather feedback and identify strategies for increasing congregate meal participation |
| • September 2018 | Draft proposals based on input |
| • October 2018 | Review with AAA Nutrition Directors for final Draft
Review final draft with IDA Management and AAA Executive Directors |
| • November 2018 | Discuss proposal with ACL December 6, 2018 |
| • December 6, 2018 | Present proposal to IDA Commissioners |
| • January 2019 | Submit to ACL for approval (if NSIP funds are used) |
| • July 2019 | Include proposal in 2022-2025 State Plan |