

## Home Delivered Meals & Duplication of Services

Home delivered meals may be included on an individual service plan when the person also receives homemaker/personal care or shared living services.

Home-delivered meals are delivered to a person who is otherwise unable to prepare or obtain nourishing meals. Homemaker/personal care and shared living services are made up of a variety of supports and may include training in or providing assistance with meal preparation as a daily living skill. If the individual service plan includes meal preparation provided through homemaker/personal care or shared living, it would not be appropriate to also authorize home-delivered meals for the same time. Similarly, a homemaker personal care provider in the home or shared living arrangement, does not automatically mean meal preparation is occurring as part of the service.

Home delivered meals may duplicate homemaker/personal care or shared living services if the individual service plan clearly identifies meal preparation is provided through homemaker/personal care or shared living. The county board should individually assess whether an individual has a dietary or other need for home delivered meals and identify whether the individual service plan identifies meal preparation provided through homemaker/personal care for some or all meals when developing a plan. Once those determinations have been made, the appropriate service or services can be added to the plan using one service or a combination of services.

It is important to note that home-delivered meals cannot be included in an ISP solely to maximize the individual's income.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules, referenced below, do not specifically prohibit these services from being simultaneously approved in the person's individual service plan. Shared living and homemaker personal care services may be authorized with home delivered meals, but shared living and homemaker personal care services may not be authorized on the same day.

[5123-9-29](#) Home and community-based services waivers - home-delivered meals under the individual options, level one, and self-empowered life funding waivers.

[5123-9-30](#) Home and community-based services waivers - homemaker/personal care under the individual options and level one waivers.

[5123-9-32](#) Home and community-based services waivers - participant-directed homemaker/personal care under the individual options, level one, and self-empowered life funding waivers.

[5123-9-33](#) Home and community-based services waivers - shared living under the individual options waiver.