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Title 22@ Social Security

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Section 7636.9@ Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

## **7636.9 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)**

### **(a)**

The Secretary of Agriculture provides cash assistance in support of the Elderly Nutrition Program through the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) in accordance with Section 311 of the OAA (42 U.S.C. 3030a). These funds are distributed by the Department to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) based on a ratio of the number of meals served the prior year in the AAA to the total number of meals served through out the state.

### **(b)**

NSIP funds shall be used for meals which: (1) Meet the dietary guidelines, as specified in Section 339 of the OAA (42 U.S.C. 3030g-21). (2) Are served to eligible participants. (3) Are served to volunteers of any age. (4) Follow the provisions of "Offer Versus Serve", as found in 7 CFR 226.20(p): (A) Congregate meal participants may be permitted to decline items due to preference or medical reasons. NSIP funds are not affected when a participant declines menu items.

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**(c)**

Use of NSIP funds: NSIP funds shall be used to purchase food used in the Elderly Nutrition Program. NSIP funds shall not be used to meet cost sharing or as matching funds for any other federal program.