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The California Department of Aging (CDA) held a statewide teleconference on January 14, 2010, to report new developments regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Nutrition Stimulus funds.

ARRA Update

Statewide, only twenty percent (20%) of ARRA Nutrition funds have been expended. If the goal of spending one-hundred percent (100%) of ARRA funds is not achieved, future program funding for the Aging Network may be at risk.

Deadline Change

The Department has moved up the deadline date for providing all services and expending all Nutrition Stimulus funds to June 30, 2010 (note the change from September 30, 2010).

Data Reporting Change

To assure that CDA will be able to meet federal reporting standards and a timely close-out, reporting requirements have changed from quarterly to monthly data reporting. Also, ARRA unduplicated client counts will no longer be cumulative but on a month-by-month basis for the entire contract term, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Every ARRA client can be counted as a new unduplicated client each month of the contract period (note the difference from the normal reporting requirements for the unduplicated client count of the Older American Act (OAA) programs).

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<http://companyweb/Provider Program Memos/2010/A4AA Bulletin A4B2010-1 -ARRA funding.doc>

Fiscal Reimbursement Change

Reimbursement of Nutrition Stimulus funds has changed from quarterly to monthly.

Scope of Service Change

If a revised scope of service is needed to meet the shortened deadline, please e-mail your Program Manager for review and approval. Any changes made to the scope of service must correspondingly be made to the Nutrition Stimulus Budget—if a revision is needed, please e-mail your Program Manager for review.

Contract Amendment

Nutrition Stimulus contract amendments will be mailed within the next two weeks. The amendment will include changes to: 1.) Nutrition Stimulus deadline date of **June 30, 2010** (from the previous deadline of September 30, 2010). 2.) Monthly data reporting (from previously quarterly reporting), and 2.) Monthly reimbursements (from previously quarterly reimbursements).

Match Requirement

There is a 15% match for ARRA funds. This match can be in the form of cash or in-kind.

Unspent ARRA Funds

There must be no unspent ARRA funds. If the reduced time frame would result in your inability to spend all allocated ARRA funds, you must contact your Program Manager immediately. As stated above, an inability to spend all ARRA funds could impact future federal and State funding and will reflect poorly on your Program, A4AA, and the State.

In addition to retaining or creating jobs, the Department of Aging suggests several allowable expenditures to provide additional meals and ensure all ARRA funds are spent. These suggestions include:

- Providing additional meals for evenings or weekends (frozen or shelf stable),
- “Bring a friend to lunch days” at the meal site,
- Special ethnic meals days,
- Catering meals for senior events or clubs,
- Providing emergency or disaster meals, and
- Eliminating waiting lists for HDM meals, and/or
- Counting over-served meals (those not being reimbursed from OAA funds) as ARRA meals.