



MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division on Disability Services provides a balanced meal, five days a week, to eligible individuals with disabilities, age 18 to 59. Meals can be obtained through the **Disabled Meals-on-Wheels Program** (DMOW) if you are:

Homebound or unable to shop and or prepare a nutritious meal for oneself/in a regular diet/ if Meals on Wheels will be your only balanced meal for the day/ Receives Home Health care for no greater than 4 hours per day/ Bergen County Resident/

There is no fee for the meals; however, a donation of \$1.25 for each meal is suggested.

Disabled Meals-on-Wheels (DMOW) purpose is to help those with disabilities maintain their independence in the community and in many cases prevents them from being forced to enter a supervised residential facility. More importantly than helping persons remain independent, our program seeks to improve the consumer's overall living conditions through referrals to agencies and self-help organizations. Our office has the unique opportunity to service a population that in many cases are isolated from their outside environment. We work to eliminate this **isolation** by connecting our consumers to other agencies.

The program assists adults with either **permanent or temporary disabilities**, either through **physical, mental, or emotional causes**. Each case is reviewed on the basis of a person's living condition, contact with friends and family, ability to obtain food, cooking facilities, abilities to plan and prepare meals, and other factors involved in meal preparation.

Consumers of our program not only benefit from having physical needs (obtaining food) met, but also are offered emotional and social support through our office.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2018 Poverty Guidelines

The following figures are the 2018 HHS guidelines published in the *Federal Register* on January 18, 2018. The following guideline figures represent annual income.

2018 HHS Poverty Guidelines			
Persons in Family	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,180	\$15,180	\$ 13,960
2	\$16,460	\$20,580	\$ 18,930
3	\$20,780	\$25,980	\$ 23,900
4	\$25,100	\$31,380	\$ 28,870
5	\$29,420	\$36,780	\$ 33,840
6	\$33,740	\$42,180	\$ 38,810
7	\$38,060	\$47,580	\$ 43,780
8	\$42,380	\$52,980	\$ 48,750
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add for each additional person:	\$ 4,320	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,970

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