Feeding Grandma

We are ND Senior Service Providers, serving older adults across the entire state. THANK YOU to the ND Legislature for working collaboratively in a proactive way so that essential services, such as senior meals can continue to serve a growing, aging population.



- 10,439 people ate 375,467 Congregate meals which are served in a social, group setting
- 11,986 people ate 1,043,435 Home Delivered meals which are served to homebound seniors through programs like Meals on Wheels and Home Delivered Meals. This category also includes grab-n-go, take-out and drive-thru meal pick-up.

Senior meals are cost effective!

Senior meals are a cost-effective way to promote good health so that older adults can remain healthy and independent.

*Meals on Wheels America



Meals save ND Medicaid Money!

In FFY 23, 212 of the 11,986 home-delivered meal clients scored with 3+ ADL (Activities of Daily Living) limitations AND were Medicaid eligible. With the average cost of a ND nursing home at \$403/day*, this saves the state over \$31.18 million in Medicaid funding annually. *ND Medicaid LTC Services as of 1/1/2024.

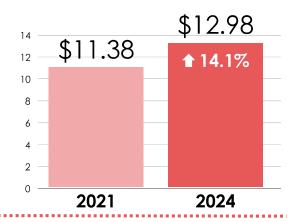
How much does it cost?

The full cost of a senior meal is \$12.98. Funding sources are:

- 38.2% Federal (Older Americans Act and NSIP (Nutrition Services Incentive Program)
- 17.8% State
- 17.7% Suggested contribution from clients
- 26.3% Local Providers required match and additional funding

The cost to produce a meal continues to increase with food, supplies and labor costs increasing 14.1% from 2021-June 2024. (See graph to the right.)

We request the Department of Health and Human Services Cost of Living increases be included in the budget and that the \$520,000 reduction in funding in the Governor's Budget be reinstated.



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