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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
DATE:	07/19/2023
TO:	BEAS Staff, CMA's, DLTSS Division Director, Servicelink, Nutrition Providers
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SUBJECT:	CFI Home Delivered Meals post Public Health Emergency (PHE)
GM NUMBER:	23-15
EFFECTIVE DATE:	09/01/2023
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MEMORANDUM SUMMARY	
<p>The purpose of this memorandum is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide statewide guidance on home delivered meals for emergencies under Choices For Independence (CFI) after the Appendix K Public Health Emergency (PHE) guidelines end. 	

The Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) worked with its federal and state partners, as well as other divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to ensure that families and individuals continued to receive supports and services during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

New Hampshire was approved to implement temporary changes to the four 1915(c) HCBS waivers to accommodate potential issues with staffing shortages and the need for service provision outside of approved service descriptions to ensure that participant health and safety needs were addressed during the COVID-19 PHE. The official end date of all temporary changes to the 1915 (c) HCBS waivers is no later than November 11, 2023 (6 months after the end of the PHE). This memo is one of many informative updates that case management agencies and providers will receive regarding these changes ending or being continued beyond the PHE.

One of the flexibilities that the CFI program has chosen to continue after the end of the PHE, is the CFI Home Delivered Meals Emergency Meals Pack. This meals pack allows for up to 28 meals to be billed at one time due to a natural disaster, state of emergency, or other participant emergency. The emergency may differ from one participant to another based on their need or abilities. The Case Manager (CM) will determine the emergency and request the service authorization for this meals pack. The department will approve or deny the service authorization and may request a copy of the participant's comprehensive care plan at any time during this process to verify the need. This does not supersede or change any agency based emergency protocols that are already in place such as quarantine boxes.

Please note: the 28 meals do not all have to be used at the same time. The 28 meals are valid during the entire service authorization period. There is no penalty for not using all 28 meals. Regular home delivered meals service authorizations are not affected by this emergency meals pack. Once the service authorization period has ended, a new emergency meals pack service authorization may be requested if needed.

The billing codes and system changes for this emergency meals pack will remain in place with a few changes and updates. The below chart shows the billing codes and modifiers for this service.

Program	Procedure Code	Mod 1	Mod 2	Description	Begin Date	Service Auth/Billing Instructions	Comments
CFI Waiver	S5170	HC	U1	Home Delivered Emergency Meals Pack	09/01/2-23	- Service authorization and approval required by department - Up to 28 meals can be billed as part of an emergency meals pack	- -Rate = \$8.11

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