Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.

MEAL SERVICE PROGRAMS Policy and Procedures

Policy Name: Cold Meals Created: 05/13/2013
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Policy: Cold meals may be provided; however, because the elderly population is a high-risk population and added measures are necessary to prevent foodborne illness, steps must be taken to ensure consumer safety and good food quality of the home-delivered cold meals. (Note: This policy does not include frozen meals or Modified Atmosphere Packaging (M.A.P.) meals.)

Procedures:

- 1. Cold meals may be packed and delivered with a three-day expiration date only.
- 2. Meals must be clearly labeled with "Expiration Date".
- 3. AAA7 will monitor compliance with this policy during review visits by the Registered Dietitian.