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AAA4 BULLETIN

TO: AAA4 Funded Programs	**NO:** **A4B2026-05**
SUBJECT: Federal Changes to Minimum Data Requirements for REGISTERED Services	
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PROGRAMS AFFECTED: [ ] ALL [X] Title III-B [X] Title III C-1 [X] Title III C-2 [ ] Title III-D [X] Title III-E [ ] HICAP [ ] OTO [ ] Other: Not applicable	
PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: [X] Amend Policy or Procedure [ ] Clarification [ ] Information	
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The purpose of this Bulletin is to document policy and procedural changes that have already been noticed and adopted pursuant to 2023 ACL RUCA Code Guidance and 2024 OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15.

As of July 1, 2026, funded programs providing Registered Services are required to comply with the federal data reporting changes described herein. This Bulletin is specific to Funded Partners providing Registered Services; a separate Bulletin addresses Non-Registered Services. Currently, AAA4 is only funding Registered services under Titles III-B, III-C and III-E as shown below.

Service Category	Service Unit	Data Classification
Title III-B Case Management	Hours	Registered
Title III-C1 Congregate Meals (Traditional)	Meals Served	Registered
Title III-C1 Congregate Meals (Non-Traditional)	Meals Served	Registered
Title III-C2 Home-Delivered Meals	Meals Delivered	Registered
Title III-E Support Services: Caregiver Counseling	Hours	Registered
Title III-E Supplemental Services: Caregiver Assessment	Hours	Registered
Title III-E Access Assistance: Caregiver Case Management	Hours	Registered
Title III-E Respite Care: Caregiver Respite (all types)	Hours	Registered

Summary of Changes

Rural Designation

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) requires that rural designation be determined by using Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes and the Rural Health Research Center's (RHRC) aggregations. GetCare will be updated with the following changes:

- Revised to align with "2023 ACL RUCA Code Guidance," rural designation was updated from "urban" to "non-rural."
- The RUCA code file was updated using 2020 Census data in December 2025, which resulted in changes to the rural/non-rural designation for some zip codes.
- RUCA codes no longer used by USDA were removed from the list.

County	ZIP Code	Changed To
Placer	92060	Non-rural
Placer	92086	Non-rural
Yuba	93205	Non-rural
Yuba	93226	Non-rural
Yuba	93287	Non-rural
Yuba	95903	Non-rural
Placer	93451	Rural
Placer	95701	Rural
Placer	95703	Rural
Placer	95714	Rural
Placer	95715	Rural
Placer	95717	Rural
Placer	95736	Rural
Sutter	95676	Rural
Sutter	95957	Rural

County	ZIP Code	Changed To
Yolo	92352	Rural
Yolo	93207	Rural
Yolo	95606	Rural
Yolo	95607	Rural
Yolo	95627	Rural
Yolo	95637	Rural
Yolo	95645	Rural
Yolo	95653	Rural
Yolo	95679	Rural
Yuba	92317	Rural
Yuba	92368	Rural
Yuba	95919	Rural
Yuba	95922	Rural
Yuba	95925	Rural
Yuba	95935	Rural
Yuba	95962	Rural
Yuba	95972	Rural
Yuba	95981	Rural

Race and Ethnicity

Revised to align with the "2024 OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15," race and ethnicity will be updated as follows:

- Race and ethnicity are now combined into one question.
- "Middle Eastern or North African" has been added to the Race/Ethnicity question.
- "Hispanic or Latino" will be added to the Race/Ethnicity question.

Note: The recent change combining the Race and Ethnicity questions has not yet been implemented in the current GetCare system. All funded programs will be notified once the system has been updated to reflect these changes.

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Data by County
All eligible meals for the NSIP must be reported by county. The following items must be filled in completely and correctly for the units to be reported by county:

- The county must be filled in. GetCare will automatically fill in the county based on the zip code.
- The valid dates of the address must cover the unit date.

Any Funded Partner that is not already collecting this client information must begin doing so immediately. Funded Partners must ask clients to provide this information; however, clients are not required to provide it to them in order to receive services. Hence "Decline to State" is also an acceptable response for the data fields above. If no "Decline to State" option exists, simply leave the field blank.

To help Funded Partners develop fully compliant intake forms, AAA4 produces resource documents entitled Minimum Data Requirements that are intended to align with the sequence of fields as they appear in GetCare. Updated versions for Titles III-B & III-C and Title III-E are attached. Alternatively, Funded Partners may refer to similar guidance documents provided by the California Department of Aging via the Title III Intake and Assessment Forms Guide; this is available at: https://aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Area_Agencies_on_Aging/Reporting/

Once you have updated the intake form(s) for your Registered Service(s), please submit a copy to be filed with AAA4's Contracts Team to: contracts@agencyonaging4.org

Questions should be directed to AAA4's Data Team at datacollection@agencyonaging4.org.