

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) Contracted Clinics and Individual Primary Care Providers

From: Steve Peiser, Senior Director of Network Management

Re: **Great Plates Delivered: Home Meals for Seniors**

Date: May 6, 2020

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of a new program, *Great Plates Delivered: Home Meals for Seniors*, a first-in-the-nation meal delivery service for seniors that was announced by Governor Gavin Newsom on April 24.

The Great Plates Delivered program helps vulnerable seniors receive free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), local restaurants are enlisted to prepare and deliver breakfast, lunch and dinner to vulnerable residents who qualify.

Individuals who are eligible for this program must be 65 or older, or 60 to 64 years of age and are considered high-risk, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Individuals with an underlying condition.
- Individuals must live alone or with one other program-eligible adult.
- Participants must not be currently receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition assistance programs.
- Participants must earn no more than 600% of the federal poverty limit.
- Individuals must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals.

You may know of patients of your practice or clinic who may qualify for this program. If so, please contact the member and tell them to reach out to the county's program administrator at 1-805-477-7300 or senior.meals@ventura.org. They also can apply directly online [here](#).

Thank you.