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Re: Support of the Optimal Collection of Information on Malnutrition

Recently, the Administration on Community Living(ACL) issued a 30-Day notice for comments on information collection requirements for upcoming surveys of OAA participants.

ACL has acknowledged the importance of reducing/assessing risk for malnutrition in Older Americans' Act participants (those who receive home-delivered and congregate meals).

Malnutrition is a crisis for older adults now, and the COVID-19 pandemic has further amplified malnutrition risks.

ACL supports the formation of a workgroup to make recommendations on malnutrition-related information that should be collected in future OAA surveys. ACL is encouraged to move quickly to start collecting this information, so that OAA programs can use this information to help design more effective services in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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