

## **COUNTY OF BERGEN**

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

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## **MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services provides a balanced meal, five days a week, to eligible individuals with disabilities, ages 18 to 59. Meals can be obtained through the **Disabled Meals-on-Wheels Program** (DMOW) if you are:

Homebound or unable to shop and/or prepare a nutritious meal for oneself (regular diet). Individuals must be residents of Bergen County and <u>cannot</u> receive home health care for more than 4 hours per day or be enrolled with Medicaid Managed Long Term Support Services (MLTSS) or Personal Preference Program (PPP).

There is no fee for the meals; however, a donation of \$1.25 for each meal is suggested.

**Disabled Meals-on-Wheels** (DMOW) aims to help those with disabilities maintain their independence in the community and in many cases prevents them from being forced to enter a supervised residential facility. In addition to helping individuals remain independent, our program seeks to improve the consumer's overall living conditions through referrals to agencies and self-help organizations. Our office has the unique opportunity to service a population of individuals who in many cases are isolated from their outside environment. We work to eliminate this **isolation** by connecting our consumers to other agencies.

The program assists adults with **permanent or temporary disabilities**, either through **physical**, **mental**, **or emotional causes**. Each case is reviewed on the basis of a person's living conditions, contact with friends and family, ability to obtain food, cooking facilities, abilities to plan and prepare meals, and other factors involved in meal preparation.

You can request the service by contacting:

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