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Distribution Policy: Requests for Food

Community Fund will deny a Distribution Request for food if the Beneficiary is a Medicaid, Waiver, **or** Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient. Food includes groceries, restaurant meals, fast food, vending machine items, snacks, alcohol, and beverages.

Exceptions will be made to this rule if:

- The food item is medically necessary and supported by a letter or script from the treating physician;
- The food is purchased on vacation (meaning a trip that requires the beneficiary to sleep somewhere other than his or her typical living arrangement for at least one night); or
- The food is reasonably purchased for the Beneficiary's birthday.

This policy and other distribution policies are available on our website: www.communityfundohio.org.

Please contact our Distribution Department at 216.736.4540 if you have additional questions.

This policy is consistent with:

- Ohio Administrative Code Sections 5160:1-3-03.1 and 5160:1-3-03.8;
- 20 CFR 416.1102-416.1103; and
- POMS SI 00810.005.

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