Project FoodBox



SunTerra Produce

Medically Tailored Food Box Program

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SunTerra Produce Background

- Grower-Packer-Shipper of fresh produce since 2000
- Participated in the <u>USDA Farmers to</u>
 <u>Families</u> Food Box program during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- We Partner with <u>multi-generational</u> family farms to uniquely source product in an eco-friendly way
- Food safety operations and facilities are <u>USDA inspected</u> and required by our retailer customer base



Program Summary

- New Medically Tailored Meal benefit program recently launched in 2022 by the CalAIM initiative
- FREE weekly food box delivery directly to members door
 - 15-18 lbs. box of fresh fruits and vegetables
 - Renewed every 12 weeks following RDN assessment, 24 total weeks of eligibility
- All Medi-Cal members residing in Imperial County with a qualifying condition are eligible
- Quick onboarding and intake process newly referred members receive food delivery in a few weeks
- Approximately 65,000 people in Imperial County are eligible for this <u>free</u> benefit program help us get the word out!



Medically Tailored Meals

- The Medically Tailored Meals (MTM) Pilot Program was initially launched in 2018 in eight counties.
- The success of these programs encouraged the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to include Medically Tailored Meals in the CalAIM initiative.
- In recent years, managed care plans began to offer MTMs, and evaluation found evidence of reduced hospital stays and healthcare costs.

The Benefits

- Address poor health outcomes associated with food insecurity
- Support complex care needs
- Support specialized dietary requirements
- Manage chronic conditions
- Reduce hospitalizations

Eligibility Criteria



- Individuals with <u>chronic conditions</u>, such as but not limited to diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, congestive heart failure, stroke, chronic lung disorders, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), cancer, gestational diabetes, <u>or other high risk perinatal conditions</u>, and chronic or disabling mental/behavioral health disorders.
- Individuals being <u>discharged</u> from the hospital <u>or</u> a skilled nursing facility or at <u>high risk of</u> <u>hospitalization</u> or nursing facility placement; or
- Individuals with <u>extensive care coordination</u> needs.

Farm-Fresh Produce Delivered to Your Home

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PROVIDERS refer their clients, or MEMBERS self refer to SunTerra Produce for a medically-tailored grocery box benefit



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The client is virtually assessed by our REGISTERED DIETICIAN to determine the most suitable box solution



A medically-tailored grocery box uniquely designed for the client is **DELIVERED** to their home



02

our MEMBER SUCCESS

TEAM to gather all delivery and contact information

The client is onboarded by



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Our experienced **PRODUCE PACKING TEAM** fulfills each unique grocery box with precision and care



High in Quality & Nutritional Value



Six box options, designed by RDN:

- Diabetes
- Cardiac
- Renal
- Cancer/Immune Support
- Low Sodium
- Gluten-Free

Partner with Us!

Offer this exciting, new, <u>free</u> benefit to your participants to increase their health, happiness and well-being

 Opportunity to refer population into this ground-breaking new benefit

How you can help raise awareness!

- Let Project FoodBox team setup an informational booth at on-site events
- Email newsletters
- Flyer distribution
- Phone tree
- In person workshop / education session





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HEALTHY FOOD PROGRAM



Features: FREE fresh grocery box delivered directly to your door every week!

Benefits: Our nutrition team will build the perfect box for you!

Eligibility: Qualified Medi-Cal members living in Imperial County.



SCAN NOW!



Call today! 760-462-1046





PROGRAMA DE COMIDA SALUDABLE

¡Atención Miembros de Medi-Cal! Características: Entrega semanal gratuita de cajas de comestibles frescos directamente a su puerta.

Beneficios: Nuestro equipo de nutrición construirá la caja perfecta para ti.

Elegibilidad: Miembros de Medi-Cal en el Condado de Imperial.



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