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**MAAA Board Clarifies Issues on Meals Delivered to Seniors**

The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging's (MAAA) Board of Directors met today to discuss media coverage of its current competitive process to select vendors and negotiate contracts for Title III-funded home-delivered meals. MAAA estimates that the contract process will conclude by mid November upon execution of agreements with all vendors.

The Board confirmed that eligible persons receiving Title III-funded home-delivered meals in Washington and Ramsey Counties will have the option of receiving a daily hot meal or a combination of hot, ready-to-heat, or frozen meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Recipients will also be able to choose the level of personal contact they desire, ranging from a daily check-in, Monday through Friday, to a weekly home visit from a staff member or volunteer.

The Board also confirmed that the delivery system for Title III-funded home-delivered meals in Dakota County will remain the same.

MAAA Board members assure that individuals eligible for Title III-funded meals do not have their services disrupted at any time.

The Board is committed to procuring services that provide choice, increase efficiency, and use innovative models for continuous improvement.

MAAA is the designated Area Agency on Aging for Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties.

For information about meals, transportation, chore services, caregiver support and housing options call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.