

**County of Orange Social Services Agency  
Family Self-Sufficiency and Adult Services Division**

**Program/Area:** In-Home Supportive Services  
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**POLICY**

The hours authorized for In-Home Supportive Services are to be based on careful assessment of an individual's needs. IHSS social workers will assess whether the recipient is capable of safely preparing his/her own meals in his/her own kitchen. When the meal preparation hours are needed, the eligible aged or disabled recipient should be advised of the option to elect to receive a Restaurant Meal Allowance to pay for the preparation of food outside the home, instead of the appropriate hours for in-home preparation, clean-up and food shopping to which the recipient is otherwise entitled.