



1115 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER for Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs)

HF3639 (Rep. Noor) SF3969 (Sen. Mann)

Other states have taken advantage of using an 1115 HRSN demonstration waiver to receive a 50% federal funding match on critical services investments, including those related to housing and nutrition.

HF3639/SF3969 takes the first step in the process in providing additional reimbursable services through Medical Assistance.

These nutrition supports could include:

- Nutrition counseling and education on healthy meal preparation
- Medically-tailored meals
- Home-delivered meals
- Stocking pantries
- Fruit, vegetable and protein prescriptions

At Second Harvest Heartland, there are two programs—FOODRx and Kitchen Coalition—already innovating to help our neighbors obtain the medically necessary and culturally appropriate food they need.



In 2022, FOODRx provided help for 10,394 individuals with support for a healthy diet and improved health by providing medically tailored meals and sharing countless free nutrition resources in English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Karen, Russian and Vietnamese.

KITCHEN COALITION™

Kitchen Coalition, a COVID-era innovation, reached a milestone of five million meals served in March 2024. Kitchen Coalition emerged from conversations with neighbors and community leaders who highlighted an underserved group: people who have barriers that prevent them from cooking, including mobility challenges, a lack of housing, mental health difficulties, and other concerns. Since then, Kitchen Coalition has grown to distribute 25,000 meals a week. The program has 18 partners in the restaurant and catering business, half of which are BIPOC-owned, and 75 nonprofit meal distribution partners. The program employs the equivalent of 80 full-time culinary workers and has invested more than \$17 million in local businesses.