PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBAL ELDERS MEAL BENEFIT GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAM POLICY

This policy provides program guidelines and requirements to promote the general welfare of the Tribe by providing nutritional food options to enrolled PGST elders outside of Tribal Government business hours.

1. **All enrolled PGST elders are eligible to receive this benefit.**

2. **Elders will receive a supply of weekly meal vouchers at the beginning of each month according to adopted procedures.**
    a. Staff at locations which print meal vouchers may require elders and designees to show identification before dispensing vouchers.
    b. Each voucher will be valid at all authorized food establishments for a specified limited time.
        i. Start and expiration dates for use at authorized food establishments must be printed on each voucher.
        ii. Exclusively at Minder Meats, all vouchers will be accepted within the calendar month in which they were printed.

3. **Elders may appoint one designee to collect and use their meal vouchers for them.**
    a. Elders must register their designee with the Member Benefits Coordinator.

4. **Authorized food establishments will exchange meal vouchers for food items and/or prepared meals at cost (no tax may be applied to transaction).**
    a. Elders or designees may be required to show identification when using vouchers.
    b. Meal vouchers have no cash value
    c. Meal vouchers may not be used to obtain alcohol, tobacco, or non-food products.
    d. Authorized food establishments include:
        i. All restaurants at The Point Casino
        ii. Gliding Eagle Store
        iii. Gliding Eagle Deli
        iv. Minder Meats
        v. Any other location approved by the Member Benefits Coordinator, Executive Director, or CEO of NKI

5. **Designees will order all groceries and prepared meals to-go.**

6. **Misuse or abuse of this benefit may result in repayment of funds to PGST and loss of future eligibility.**
    a. Misuse or abuse of this benefit includes:
        i. Obtaining prohibited items such as alcohol, tobacco and non-food products
        ii. Obtaining items by using invalid meal vouchers
        iii. Use of meal vouchers by individuals other than eligible elder or designee

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7. **Elders or designees who are incarcerated are not eligible for assistance.**

8. **Record of assistance given will be tracked and may be subject to audit.**

9. **This program and all assistance amounts are discretionary and subject to Tribal Council approval of its annual budget.**

10. **This Program Shall Be Administered in Compliance with Title 31 of the PGST Code and § 139E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended, and Therefore Shall Be Excluded from the Participant's Gross Income for Federal Income Tax Purposes and State Benefit Calculation.**

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