APPENDIX 4: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR MEAL PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS

LMU requires that all students living on campus participate in the meal plan available through the LMU's dining service. Virtually all students' needs can be met through the standard meal plan options. However, students with conditions whose needs cannot be met through this process may request a meal plan accommodation. LMU offers a wide variety of dining options capable of accommodating many different dietary needs, including allergies/intolerances and chronic health conditions. Eligibility for meal plan accommodation requests are determined on a case-by-case basis.

In order to be entitled to meal plan accommodations, the applicant's disability must have been identified by a comprehensive diagnostic/clinical evaluation by a qualified professional that is well documented in the form of a comprehensive report.

The report should include the following:

- specific and current diagnosis;
- relevant medical and medication history;
- specific recommendations for dietary restrictions, allergen avoidance, and/or cross-contamination prevention.

Given the ability to accommodate a wide range of dietary needs, a recommendation for full exemption from participation in the meal plan will only be considered when the treating physician's specific recommendations cannot be met by the dining service.

Requests for meal plan accommodations/exemptions based on dietary preferences or for financial reasons will not be granted. Students who are not granted a meal plan accommodation or who choose to not accept the offered accommodation are required to be on a standard meal plan.

Please note that students must request meal plan accommodations on an annual basis and submit updated medical documentation. Previous accommodations are <u>not</u> automatically extended without submitting a request form and documentation for the corresponding academic year.