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Senior Vouchers for Farmers Market Nutrition Program Now Available

Carlisle, Pa. – Vouchers are now available for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program from Cumberland County’s Aging & Community Services office and the County’s Senior Centers. This annual program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, provides four vouchers, valued at \$5 each, for seniors to use at any participating farmers market.

“For our lower income seniors, purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables can be challenging,” said Sandy Gurreri, director of Cumberland County’s Aging & Community Services office. “This program is one way that we’re working to help these seniors be able to afford nutritious produce.”

To qualify for the program, Cumberland County seniors must be ages 60 and better, with a total gross household income of no more than \$22,459 for a single person, or \$30,451 for a married couple. Proof of age and residency must be provided in order to receive the vouchers.

Vouchers may only be used to purchase produce grown or growable in Pennsylvania. Vouchers will not be accepted at grocery stores and must be used by November 30, 2018. Seniors who are not able to pick up the vouchers themselves, may designate a proxy. More information, including the proxy form and voucher pick-up locations, are available by calling Aging & Community Services at (717) 240-6110.

Cumberland County Aging & Community Services supports older adults, adults with disabilities, and their families by providing a variety of programs to enhance their quality of life and remain in their homes. Whether housing to nutrition, community activities to in-home services, or elder rights to Medicare assistance, a wide range of services are provided for the benefit of the local community. More information on these services can be found at www.ccpa.net/aging.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.