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Attention Farmers Market Vouchers Still Available

ARMSTRONG COUNTY CONTINUES PARTICIPATION IN FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Kittanning, PA – The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners and Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce that the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) will be offered again this year to eligible Armstrong County seniors. The program provides \$20 worth of vouchers that may be used to purchase Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables from participating local farm markets. According to Janet Talerico, AAA Executive Director, “We are pleased to continue to be a part of this program that benefits not only Armstrong County seniors but Pennsylvania farmers as well.” The Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging will administer the program in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture.

To be eligible to participate in the program, a senior must be 60 years of age or older by December 31st 2017, live in Armstrong County. Residents of personal care homes are not eligible to receive the vouchers. The financial criteria states that a single person must have a gross annual income of less than \$22,311 and a married couple’s gross annual income must be less than \$30,044 to qualify. A single person can receive \$20 in vouchers and married couples can receive \$40 worth of vouchers. Income from all sources includes: social security, pensions, interest, annuities, etc. Income information will be provided through self-

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declaration; therefore, no income documentation is necessary. Applicants will be required to sign a USDA statement attesting that the eligibility income being provided is true. Applicants must also provide proof of age and residency. Driver's licenses (current and expired), birth certificates, and social security forms (not cards) will be accepted. Homebound individuals may have someone complete the Proxy application and receive the vouchers. The representative must provide the applicant's required information: age, residency, and income. Representatives may only complete an application for four individuals.

The Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, located at 326 S. Water Street, Kittanning, will serve as an application site now and until September 29th, 2017 until the voucher supply has been exhausted. Applications will be accepted at the Aging office Monday through Friday.

For more information on the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, contact the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging at 724-548-3290 or 1-800-368-1066.

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