2018 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The annual Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is available to eligible consumers across the county. Any eligible individual may receive <u>one</u> set of checks to be spent at participating farmers' markets. One set of checks is worth \$20.00 (issued as four checks worth \$5.00 each). SFMP documents are available in Russian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Nepali, Spanish and Braille at Senior Community Centers.

The checks may be used through November 30th to purchase produce that is **grown in Pennsylvania or purchased directly from a Pennsylvania farmer**. Examples of Pennsylvania produce are apples, beans, berries, carrots, grapes, melons, spinach and tomatoes.

Consumers must spend the entire \$5.00 check; change will not be given. Lost or stolen checks will not be replaced.

Eligible individuals not able to get to a distribution site can have a proxy pick up their checks. All individuals must correctly complete a proxy form (front and back) to have a proxy receive checks for them.

Proxy forms are available at:

- participating senior centers,
- the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) website
 http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Older-Adults.aspx
- the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website

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 ebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?-Senior-Farmers-Market-Nutrition-Program-SFMNP&palid=17&.

Eligibility:

- Allegheny County resident
- 60 years of age or older (by December 31, 2018)
- Meet the income guidelines (self-reported):
 - One person household: At or below \$22,459
 - Two-person household: At or below \$30,451*
 - *Married couples may each receive one set of checks
- Older adults living in a residential facility that provides meals are <u>not eligible</u> to receive checks



Distribution Day:

Checks are distributed on a first come, first served basis, no exceptions. At the time of distribution be sure to bring <u>identification with proof of age and residency</u>.

