



Forest County Commission on Aging

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Forest County Commission on Aging provides equal opportunity in employment and service delivery.

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Re: Requested Contribution for the Nutrition Program & Transportation Program

Dear Forest County Office on Aging Participant,

The Forest County Office on Aging provides balanced nutritious meals, as well as help with transportation needs. Providing more than just meals and rides, our congregate meal sites and twice weekly bus routes provide an opportunity for people to enjoy the company of peers and enjoy social activities and informational programming. With our home delivered meal program, our drivers also do a daily check and follow up with any concerns. Educational handouts are given to participants and a home visitor socializes and gathers concerns and suggestions to help improve the nutrition program.

We currently provide on average, 170 meals each operational day throughout Forest County for both Home Delivered and Congregate dining centers. Our transportation routes provide twice weekly rides to Antigo, Rhinelander, and Iron Mountain, as well as medical rides when needed. These services are funded through a combination of federal and state grants with local tax levy as well as the contributions you provide for the meals and rides you receive.

We have made every effort to run our programs cost effectively but the cost of our food, supplies and gasoline goes up every year. We have reviewed our options with our Commission on Aging Committee and they agree that asking for an increased contribution is the best option to avoid the possibility of reduction of services. Starting with meals served on June 1st, 2024, the suggested contribution for Congregate Meals will be \$4.00 and the Home Delivered Meals suggestion will be \$5.00. The bus route will increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00. We have not asked for an increase in the contribution for several years. Please help us keep our programs operating by providing the suggested contribution or by at least increasing your current contribution. No eligible participant will be denied a meal based on their ability to contribute.

If you have concerns about not being able to afford the increased contribution, please remember, no individual will be denied a meal based on an inability to pay. Please contact the undersigned to discuss those concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy Fohrman

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Office on Aging, Director