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County Suspends Non-Medical Transportation Program for Elderly and Disabled

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Community Transportation Program is suspending its non-medical transportation service for elderly and disabled citizens as of Oct. 11. The action is in response to the partial shutdown of the federal government.

There are 503 clients enrolled in the program, which serves qualifying persons over the age of 60 and/or disabled persons with a doctor's verification. Transportation is provided at a cost of \$2.25 per one-way trip within Cumberland County to needs-based service destinations including grocery stores, libraries, banks, schools, day programs and work.

During the two-week period from Sept. 30-Oct. 11, 273 client trips were provided. The service had just resumed on Sept. 30 after being temporarily suspended on June 30 pending federal and state funding approval.

At this time, no other Community Transportation programs are affected.

The CTP office is in the Historic Courthouse at 130 Gillespie St. For a complete list of rules and eligibility requirements, go online to <http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/planning/ctp.aspx>.

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