

## SFMNP Participant Rights and Obligations

### 2012 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

- Standards for eligibility and participation in the SFMNP are the same for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.
- Everyone has the right to a fair hearing and may appeal the denial of benefits based on eligibility. Individuals may not appeal when the reason for denial is there are not enough funds for every applicant to participate or SFMNP booklets are not available.
- To file Civil Rights discrimination complaints, eligibility appeals or any other complaints about the program, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging.
- SFMNP check purchases are limited to fresh fruits, vegetables, honey and edible herbs which must be purchased at Certified Farmers' Market sites by November 30, 2012.
- When purchases are less than \$2.00, farmers may add fresh fruits, vegetables or edible herbs to bring the sale up to the value of the check. Monetary change for sales less than \$2.00 is not allowed.
- Checks cannot be exchanged for cash and can only be transferred to a designated proxy.
- Farmers may accept cash or food stamps to cover purchases over the checks' value.
- Farmers cannot accept checks that are torn, altered or missing serial numbers.
- Lost or stolen check booklets cannot be replaced, but should be reported to your local service provider or the Farmers' Market Manager.
- Farmers cannot discriminate against SFMNP participants in price, quality of produce, or service.
- Anyone committing fraud or abuse in connection with the SFMNP is liable to prosecution under applicable federal, state and local laws.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I have been advised and understand my rights and obligations under the SFMNP. I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct to the best of my knowledge. This acknowledgement is in connection with the receipt of SFMNP

*In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.*

*To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider.*