NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SENIOR FARMER'S MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP) PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 1. SFMNP e-benefits can be received only one time per season (between May 1st and September 30th of each year).
- 2. Participants can enroll and obtain SFMNP e-benefits only from Local Agency on Aging in the county they reside in.
- 3. All SFMNP participants must meet the eligibility criteria and must provide all required documentation and accurate and truthful information to verify their eligibility for SFMNP.
- 4. State, County or Municipality has the right to verify information provided in SFMNP application.
- 5. Failure to comply with these Rights and Obligations can result in immediate disqualification from the program, and it may result in penalties or in disqualification from the SFMNP for the next year.
- 6. The Local Area on Aging will make health and nutrition services available to participants, and participants are encouraged to participate in these services.

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