

**Subject: Farmers' Market Nutrition Program****Item: FMNP Recipient Eligibility**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish procedures for the benefit distribution methodology and protocol of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provided by the California Department of Public Health/Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC).

**POLICY:**

- I. Local agency (LA) staff may offer a maximum of one FMNP benefit per family who has at least one family member who is a certified WIC participant in one of the following categories: pregnant woman, breastfeeding woman, non-breastfeeding woman, or an infant on or after his or her seventh month birthday through the month of the fifth birthday.

**PROCEDURE(S):**

- I. WIC staff must:
  - A. Establish a fair and consistent FMNP benefit distribution methodology and procedure for selecting WIC families to receive the FMNP benefit each season.
  - B. Implement a distribution protocol or Priority Ranking System (WPPM 230-10), which must be stated in the *Benefit Issuance Protocol Form* provided to CDPH/WIC FMNP each contract period. If the protocol changes during the contract period, a new form must be submitted. Follow the FMNP Benefit Issuance Policy (WPPM 800-43) to issue the benefit in a fair and equitable manner.
  - C. Issue one FMNP benefit per family per year using WIC MIS. A foster child is considered to be a family of one person.

**AUTHORITY:**

[7 CFR §248.6](#)

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

WPPM 230-10 Priority Ranking System  
WPPM 800-43 Issuance of FMNP Checks