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West Virginia Farmers Market Nutrition Program (WVFMNP)- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) & Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Dear Vendor:

This letter is to provide farmers information on the 2024 West Virginia Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Please read this letter and any enclosures in their entirety as there are **MANY** changes with the programs, including transitioning to a Bank Free, Internet Based Solution/Electronic Redemption Model to redeem WIC & SFMNP benefits.

Both SFMNP and WIC have gone to a Bank Free, Internet-Based Solution/Electronic Redemption Model for redeeming the benefits, as was the case in 2023. Previous to 2023, the participant has presented the farmer a voucher that had to be signed by the participant and taken to a banking institution by the farmer to redeem. **Benefits CAN NO LONGER be stamped with a WVFMNP Vendor Number and redeemed at a financial institution.** In 2024, as was the case in 2023, in-order to be reimbursed for the benefits, a Bar Code will be scanned, or the unique voucher serial number inputted into a portal, utilizing an Internet connected device thus allowing electronic payment. A separate entity will be responsible for clearing transactions and making payment to the farmer via ACH payment or wire transfer. This **WILL** require a separate application to be completed by the farmer providing potential Personally Identifiable Information (PPI) to include bank account information to this entity. CDP, Inc. will be the entity identified to accept SFMNP benefits. CDP, Inc. will receive notice from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) that the vendor has applied and been approved to accept SFMNP benefits. CDP, Inc. has been identified and will be the company providing the electronic redemption model for the WVFMNP WIC benefits. CDP, Inc. will receive notice from the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources, Office of Nutrition Services (WVDHHR ONS) that the vendor has applied and been approved to accept WIC benefits. Appropriate training will be provided to the vendors on accessing the portal, inputting data and receiving payment prior to the start of the programs.

ALL vendors who wish to be involved in the West Virginia Farmers Market Nutrition Program, **MUST** complete the online training for 2024. Even if you have completed training last year, you are **REQUIRED** to complete the online training in 2024. In the past you were required to accept vouchers for both the SFMNP and WIC programs, however due to **MANY** changes with the programs you must complete an application **for each program** that you wish to participate in. Please note that to accept the WIC benefits you must have Internet connectivity at the location you accept the benefits as the benefits will be assigned to the participant and redeemed by the farmer via Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT).

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