

Virginia's Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Authorized Representative Form

If you are unable to apply for or pick up your checks or shop at the farmers' market or farm stand, you may complete the following form to designate another individual as your authorized representative. This form must be returned to the agency in order for your representative to pick up and use your checks.

Name of Participant: _____

Name of the person who is the authorized representative (Proxy):

I understand that it is unlawful to receive farmers' market checks from more than one locality or to enroll in this program more than one time each farmers' market season. I have been advised of 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 certification form is being submitted in connection with receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify information on this form. I understand that intentionally making a false or misleading statement or intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts may result in my repaying the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), in cash for the value of the food benefits improperly issued to me and may subject me to civil or criminal prosecution under State and Federal law.

I understand that I may appeal any decision made by the local agency regarding my eligibility for the SFMNP. I understand the Program's household income eligibility guidelines or have had them explained to me. I hereby acknowledge with my signature that my household family income is within the published income eligibility guidelines for participation in SFMNP.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Proxy

Date



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