



WASHINGTON WIC PROGRAM

Washington State WIC Manual
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Explanation of Revisions:

- This chapter is approved by Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and is final.
- The changes are noted in the Table of Revisions.

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Local Agency FMNP Policy p. 1 - 2	<p>Policy: Added that staff must develop WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefit issuance by May 31st, prior to each season.</p> <p>Procedure: Added B: Make policy accessible to staff and participants.</p>	
Participant Eligibility for FMNP Benefits p. 3	<p>Policy: Added # 4, 3rd bullet: Staff can issue FMNP benefits to eligible children on or before their 5th birthday.</p>	
Issue FMNP Benefits p. 4 - 6	<p>Policy:</p> <p>Changed # 2 to state: Provide QR codes to participants. Participants use QR codes for redeeming benefits at authorized farmers markets and farm stores.</p> <p>Added 2, a: Clinic staff order new WIC Cards with QR codes from the Fulfillment Center and distribute them to participants as needed.</p> <p>Updated 2, b with information about mailing WIC Cards with QR codes.</p> <p>Added 2, c Participants who have the WICShopper App can find their QR code in the App.</p> <p>Added to 2, d: <i>For participants who don't have the WICShopper App, state staff generate and provide the QR codes electronically via text or email, or by mail depending on participant preference.</i></p> <p>Added to # 5: Staff offer the fruit and vegetable nutrition education contact at the time of FMNP benefit issuance, or at any time during the farmers market season, within the participant's current certification.</p> <p>Added # 6: Document nutrition education in the participant's Individual Care Plan.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Added to B: <i>When providing FMNP benefits in person, view the ID of the participant, parent guardian, caretaker, or proxy before issuing food benefits. For remote benefit issuance, follow the "Remote Benefits Issuance" policy.</i></p>	Removed references to QR Code stickers.

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	<p>Added D, 1, 2, and 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once benefits are issued, the benefits remain in the participant benefit account until the end of the season or until they are used. 2. Benefits will expire on October 31st. 3. Participants should have as many months as possible of FMNP season to spend their benefits. <p>Added H: If the WIC Card is lost or stolen, refer to “Replace WIC Cards” policy in Volume 1, Chapter 22 – Issue WIC Food Benefits.</p>	
<p>Offer Participant Education on Using FMNP Benefits p. 8 - 9</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <p>Added B, 4: WICShopper App directs participants to authorized markets and growers who are accepting FMNP benefits</p> <p>Added to B, 5: Participants can manually enter their WIC Card number if the QR code isn’t readable.</p> <p>Added to B, 8: Participants may use a combination of FMNP benefits, <i>monthly fruit and vegetable benefits (CVBs)</i>, cash, EBT card, debit card, or other forms of payment acceptable to the grower for purchases greater than the value of the FMNP benefits.</p> <p>Removed B, 10: Contained reference to QR code stickers.</p>	
<p>Nutrition Education p. 10 - 11</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <p>Revised A to state: Offer nutrition education about fresh fruits and vegetables to all FMNP participants within the FMNP season and during their current certification.</p> <p>Added to A, 2: Provide information about buying, storing, and using fresh fruits and vegetables at least one time within the current FMNP season <i>and during their current certification</i>.</p> <p>Added A Note: Provide fruit and vegetable education at the next appointment if staff didn’t provide it when issuing FMNP benefits.</p>	
<p>Accountability of WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Benefits</p>	<p>Policy:</p> <p>Removed references to receiving QR codes from the WIC contracted banking information services provider.</p>	

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p. 12	<p>Added statement: The local agency must account for all WIC Cards with QR codes received from the Fulfillment Center. Added link to Volume 1, Chapter 22 – Issue WIC Benefits with WIC Card Inventory policy.</p> <p>Revised 3rd paragraph to state: Agencies must contact state staff if they don't want or can't issue FMNP benefits. The state will reallocate the benefits to another agency.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Added A to state: Follow policies for receiving and inventorying WIC Cards with QR codes from the state Fulfillment Center. Also added link to Volume 1, Chapter 22 – Issue WIC Food Benefits.</p> <p>Revised B to state: Contact state FMNP staff when the clinic doesn't want or can't issue FMNP benefits. State staff will reallocate undistributed FMNP benefits to a different agency.</p> <p>Removed references to QR code stickers.</p>	
<p>Guide to Writing FMNP Policy for Benefit Issuance Appendix p. 15 - 17</p>	<p>Added <i>Include internet connectivity source.</i></p> <p>Updated FMNP amount to \$30.</p> <p>Removed reference to keeping QR codes (stickers) in a secure location.</p>	
<p>How to Screen Participant's Interest and Ability to use FMNP Benefits & Issue Benefits Appendix p. 21</p>	<p>Removed 2, reference to QR codes (stickers)</p>	