

## Attachment A

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**Subject:** Options for SFMNP operations in CT

Good Afternoon Rick & Linda,

After researching your question about changing SFMNP program operations to target 4-5 larger senior sites instead of the current number of 194 local senior sites, we found that this option would be allowable under the SFMNP regulation.

Per §249.6(h) "*Limitations on certification*. If necessary to limit the number of participants, State agencies may impose additional eligibility requirements, such as limiting participant certification to certain geographic areas. Each State agency must specifically identify these limitations on certification in its State Plan."

The State Plan must contain a detailed description of the service area and the coupon issuance system per 249.4(a)(9)(i) "A description of how the State agency will target areas with the highest concentrations of eligible persons and greatest access to farmers' markets and/or roadside stands."

This includes providing a detailed description of the SFMNP recordkeeping system for maintaining separate records for SFMNP funds and how the State would maintain effective internal controls to ensure expenditures financed with SFMNP funds are authorized and properly charged to the SFMNP. Specifically speaking, how Connecticut would ensure that that federal funds only pay for administrative and food costs in support of the 4-5 selected local senior sites, and a system to reconcile the SFMNP checks supported with Federal food dollars separate from those SFMNP checks supported with State food dollars.

You may submit this with your State plan due November 15<sup>th</sup>, or if more time is needed as an amendment to your State Plan via the Management Evaluation Corrective Action Plan Responses due December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Feel free to call or email me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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