

APPENDIX U – Penalty Schedule

Violation Type	Description	State Agency Action/Penalty
Category I	<p>Failure to display a WIC Farmers' Market Poster.</p> <p>Accepting FMNP or SFMNP coupons or FVVs for ineligible foods.</p> <p>Depositing or cashing FMNP/SFMNP coupons or vouchers without a valid farmer-vendor number stamped in the appropriate box. (First violation)</p> <p>Accepting an FVV without comparing their signature with their WIC Food List/Participant ID Folder. (First violation)</p>	<p>Violation will result in verbal or written warning, with corrective action requested.</p> <p>Additional training may be provided on-site or by teleconference.</p>
Category II	<p>Accepting FMNP or SFMNP coupons or FVVs before authorization is complete.</p> <p>Accepting FMNP or SFMNP coupons or FVVs at an unauthorized farmers' market, or other unauthorized premises.</p> <p>Discriminating actions against a WIC, FMNP or SFMNP participant.</p> <p>Attempting to collect or collecting sales tax on produce sold to WIC and Senior participants (coupon or FVV portion only).</p> <p>Two or more Category I violations.</p>	<p>Violation will result in a written notification of noncompliance from the State Agency.</p> <p>The farmer-vendor may be required to participate in special training to resolve the violation.</p>
Category III	<p>Charging FMNP or SFMNP participants more than other customers.</p> <p>Providing money back to participants where the amount of the purchase is less than the coupon or voucher.</p> <p>Two or more Category II violations.</p>	<p>Violation will result in disqualification from the WIC, FMNP and/or SFMNP Program.</p> <p>Disqualification will be for one market season. Farmer-vendor will need to reapply for authorization after suspension.</p>
Category IV	<p>Committing fraud or abuse in connection with the FVVs, FMNP or SFMNP/.</p> <p>Providing drugs, alcohol, or cash to a customer for coupons or FVVs.</p> <p>Two or more category III violations.</p>	<p>Violation will result in disqualification from the FVV, FMNP or SFMNP Farmer-Vendor may be required to repay the Alaska WIC Program for improperly redeemed coupons. Disqualification is for two years.</p>