

## STATE WAIVER REQUEST

**Type of request:** SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver Request  
**Date of request:** 05/08/2025  
**State:** Kansas  
**Region:** MPRO

**Statutory Citations:** 7 U.S.C. § 2026

*Provide the statutory citations from this Act, the State seeks to waive. FNS will work with the State to identify any additional statutory waivers needed for the proposed demonstration project.*

The Kansas (KS) SNAP Food Restriction Waiver Demonstration Project request is in accordance with the requirements to operate demonstration projects under Section 17 [7 U.S.C. 2026] (b)(1)(B)(i) and Section 17 (7 U.S.C. 2026] (b)(1)(B)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

**Regulatory Citations:**

*Provide the regulatory citations from 7 CFR the State seeks to waive. FNS will work with the State to identify any additional regulatory waivers needed for the proposed demonstration project.*

As outlined in 7 CFR § 271.1(a), SNAP is designed to promote the general welfare and to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income households.

As outlined in 7 CFR § 271.2 provides the definition of SNAP-eligible foods.

As outlined in 7 CFR § 282.1, legislative authority authorizes to conduct demonstration, research, and evaluation projects. Additionally, at least 30 days prior to initiation of a demonstration project, a general notice will be published in the federal register if the project will likely have a significant impact on the public.

**Summary of Food Restriction Demonstration Project Request:**

*Explain in a few words the goal of the project and its intended outcomes. (250 words)*

Kansas State Senate Bill 125 requires that the Secretary for the Department for Children and Families (DCF) certify to the members of the State Finance Council that the Secretary has requested a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to exclude candy and soda from the definition of eligible foods under 7 C.F.R. § 271.2.

Kansas's DCF Economic and Employment Services (EES) section requests to exercise Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act (2008) to submit a waiver in order to modify allowable purchases under SNAP. DCF is requesting to exclude all candy and soda from purchase with SNAP benefits. The proposed waiver will be implemented on a statewide basis 02/15/2027 and will apply to all SNAP recipients purchasing food within the state of Kansas.

**Proposed Alternative Procedures to Operate Project:**

*Provide a detailed explanation of the proposed Food Restriction demonstration project, and how the State intends to operate the food restriction choice project that differs from how SNAP currently operates.*

Kansas's DCF is recommending excluding all candy and soda from items eligible for purchase with SNAP EBT benefits. This waiver request addresses public health challenges across KS by aiming to improve the nutritional well-being of SNAP participants, acknowledging the state's high rates of obesity and the need to better align with the USDA's Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs). The purpose of this waiver is to test and understand how SNAP program changes impact health outcomes including reducing obesity rates.

***SNAP-Eligible Food and Food Products Amended by the Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver***

- *Describe the food(s) of interest that will be restricted under this demonstration waiver. What are the desired outcomes of limiting these foods(s)?*

Kansas's proposed alternative procedure is to amend the exclusions under the definition of "Eligible Foods." Under this proposal, candy and soda (also known as soft drinks) would be ineligible for purchase with SNAP benefits at authorized retailers. The Kansas Retailers' Sales Tax Act, KSA 79-3602, defines candy and soft drinks as follows.

"Candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops or pieces. "Candy" does not include any preparation containing flour and shall require no refrigeration.

"Soft drinks" means nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes or beverages that are greater than 50% vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

Kansas is not seeking to change the universal federal restrictions on items such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or hot foods and hot food products intended for immediate consumption.

- *If applicable, describe incentivization projects to entice SNAP-eligible households to increase purchasing of fruits and/or vegetables.*

Kansas is laying the groundwork to increase collaboration with the Double Up Heartland Collaborative. Part of the national Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb) program, this collaborative is comprised of a group of organizations working with Kansas and Missouri farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets and grocery stores to provide a healthy food incentive program for people who receive SNAP benefits.

This is a powerful initiative that rewards SNAP participants for buying fresh fruits and vegetables. This intentional collaboration supports the purpose of this waiver request by providing additional supports to improve the nutritional well-being of SNAP participants. By making fresh produce more accessible to Kansans who rely on SNAP, we are helping families put healthier meals on the table, while also boosting local economies by supporting farmers and food producers across the state.

Many Kansans face serious nutrition-related health challenges, including high rates of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases ([BRFSS Data Dashboard | KDHE, KS](#)). At the same time, rural and tribal communities often struggle with limited access to affordable, healthy food due to geographic isolation, sparse retail options, and economic barriers.

The DUFEB program is a proven, nationwide model that tackles these challenges head-on. It offers a dollar-for-dollar match on fruit and vegetable purchases, increasing demand at local retailers and strengthening community partnerships that support local agriculture. This approach aligns with the goals of the proposed Food Restriction Waiver, to expand access to nutritious foods for SNAP recipients while restricting the use of benefits on candy and soda.

### **SNAP-Eligible Household Considerations:**

*Please complete the next section with possible impacts and considerations to SNAP-eligible households.*

*Participating households and individuals*

- *Describe the target population included in this waiver.*

The target population will include 100% of Kansas's SNAP caseload. During FFY2024, there were approximately 189,000 recipients in 93,000 households (unduplicated count for 12-month period).

- *Will the State limit the project to households that meet certain requirements? For example, targeting households of a certain size, households with individuals participating in SNAP-Ed, households with individuals participating in WIC, households receiving medical assistance, or households with pregnant women and/or young children? No*
- *Describe the pilot approach for households.*
  - *Will all households be participating at once? Yes*
  - *Will there be a phased in approach based on certain household factors? No*
    - *If yes, describe the household types and phase in approach below.*

### **SNAP-Authorized Retailers Considerations:**

*Please complete the next section with possible impacts and considerations to SNAP-authorized retailers.*

***SNAP-Authorized Retailers Participating in the Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver***

- *List the retailers participating in this pilot. Include brick-and-mortar stores, participating retailers' online platforms (e.g., Amazon.com, Walmart.com), and specialty retailer types (e.g., farmers' markets, direct marketing farmers, etc.). Write "all" if all retailers in the state will be subject to the pilot.*

This waiver will impact all SNAP retailers (approximately 2,100) statewide. All retailers must comply by the waiver implementation date. Gaining buy-in from retailers will be a critical component of this waiver. Communications regarding implementation of this waiver will be required at both the federal and state level. The state will work to educate existing retailers about which items may be purchased with SNAP benefits. Kansas will work with retailers of all sizes to develop strategies based on technology and size of retailers.

- Updates to product coding to remove candy and soda from being classified as SNAP-eligible products. Retailers will use the same process they currently follow to classify products, such as hot foods, alcoholic drinks, paper products, etc. as not eligible for purchase with SNAP benefits.
- *Explain how the participating retailers were selected.*

All KS SNAP retailers must participate.

- *Will retailer participation in the pilot be phased in? If yes, what does that plan look like?*

Retailers will have until the waiver implementation date to change or update systems to comply with the waiver.

#### ***Consideration of retailer size***

- *Provide the State's plan to adjust implementation time based on retailer size and system capabilities, if applicable.*

Regardless of retailer size, all KS retailers will be required to come into compliance by the implementation date.

#### ***Retailer-level system changes***

*Describe any retailer-level system changes and/or updates the retailer(s) will incur in the operation of this demonstration project, for example:*

- *Describe how the retailer systems will be able to support all alternative procedures required of the project, or will it require an upgrade or enhancements?*

Retailers in KS will be required to update their point-of-sale (POS) systems to reflect the excluded candy and soda under the waiver. These system modifications must support real-time transaction adjudication, enabling the transmission of Universal Product Code (UPC) or Price Look-Up (PLU) data at the time of purchase to determine item eligibility in accordance with the waiver.

Kansas's EBT vendor, Fidelity Information Services (FIS), is not expected to require modifications to the State's existing ebtEDGE system, provided that enforcement of item restrictions remains the responsibility of retailer POS systems. Retailers will be required to transmit item-level data to the EBT processor for adjudication and submit only eligible items for authorization. Any attempted purchases of restricted items will be automatically declined at the point-of-sale.

- *Describe any exemptions for retailers that are unable to make the necessary system changes.*

No exemptions will be allowed for retailers.

### **Impacts to the State Agency:**

*Please complete the next section with possible impacts to the State agency.*

#### ***State-Level System Changes***

*Describe any State-level system changes and/or updates the State will incur in the operation of this demonstration project, for example:*

- *If applicable, describe how the State system will be able to support all alternative procedures required of the project, or will it require any upgrade or enhancements?*

Kansas's integrated eligibility determination system (KEES) will not require changes. Additionally, if the agreement between the State agency and FIS requires updates, the necessary changes will be implemented.

- *If your state operates Summer EBT, will it also be subject to these restrictions or will EBT system changes be required to ensure no impact to that program?*

Kansas's Summer EBT will restrict candy and soda to align with the Food Restriction Demonstration waiver.

#### ***Food Restriction Pilot Compliance Plans***

- *Describe the State's plans for enforcing compliance with the pilot among SNAP authorized retailers in the targeted geographical location (e.g., county-wide, regional, statewide).*
  - *How will the State work with retailers to ensure compliance?*

Kansas's state SNAP agency, DCF, will provide written guidance to all SNAP retailers with explanation of the changes as a result of this waiver implementation.

- *Once implemented, how will the State confirm restrictions have been implemented at the retailer level?*

Kansas will develop a method to confirm system changes have been made at the retailer level, prior to implementation of the waiver.

- *How will retailers be held responsible if their equipment is not updated and clients are able to make ineligible purchases?*

Kansas SNAP retailers will have to make the necessary changes to ensure retailers are complying with the waiver standards by the waiver implementation date.

- *How will retailers authorized after project launch be notified of the pilot parameters?*

USDA/FNS is the entity responsible for authorizing SNAP retailers. FNS will need to assist the state in providing initial information to the prospective retailer, prior to authorization. Once authorized, the state SNAP agency will provide technical assistance to any retailer who needs assistance complying with this statewide waiver.

### ***Staff Capacity and Training***

- *Describe the State's staffing capacity to administer the project and the policy training plan on the alternative procedures required by the project.*
  - *Will the State designate a specific team for the project? If so, please describe it.*

This waiver request will not have a direct impact on the capacity of Kansas's eligibility staff. There are no alternative procedures for determining eligibility related to this waiver. The statewide Customer Service team and DCF regional offices across the state will be provided with talking points regarding the food and beverage restrictions associated with this waiver.

In Federal Fiscal Year 2026, KS SNAP leadership will begin formulating a staffing plan that is in alignment with the waiver requirements and the DUFEB program. It is anticipated that additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) will be required for training, technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation pertinent to this waiver and DUFEB program.

### **Monitoring/Compliance Plan and Evaluation Plan:**

To increase the likelihood of timely and successful implementation, and meaningful evaluation, DCF posted a Request for Proposal 12/29/2025 to identify a contractor to lead this waiver implementation process. DCF anticipates the contractor being in place early 04/2026. The contractor will review and finalize the communication plans drafted in this request and develop monitoring/compliance and evaluation plans based on evidence informed methodologies. DCF staff and the contractor will meet regularly with FNS MPRO staff to ensure DCF remains on track to successfully meet all FNS expectations related to this demonstration project.

### **Communication Plan:**

*States must develop a strategic roll out plan for communicating this project to impacted populations for FNS approval. FNS expects ongoing and frequent outreach to SNAP-eligible individuals and retailers throughout the planning process and implementation phase of this project. We also encourage outreach to relevant stakeholder groups and local media to raise awareness of the impending program changes.*

- *Describe the anticipated timeframe and details of the State's plan, including any training and communication, to reach the target SNAP population for the project.*

Kansas will develop and execute the following plans:

- SNAP Retailer Communication Plan
- SNAP Recipient Communication Plan
- Monitoring/Compliance Plan
- Evaluation Plan

Key components of these plans will include:

- **Retailer-focused resources** to support effective communication and implementation, food restriction waiver marketing materials (I.e. flyers & shelf-talkers) will be provided for retailers.
- **Household and staff communication materials**, such as print and digital resources (i.e. mass mailings), along with integration into existing state communication channels. Training for state and county staff, particularly those conducting SNAP interviews or managing customer interactions, to ensure they are well-prepared to explain the changes and respond to participant questions accurately and confidently.
  - *Also describe how communication and training will be provided to SNAP households that become eligible after the project launch.*

Kansas will update the DCF website and all necessary materials for this change. Also, the state will request SNAP eligibility workers to inform SNAP households about restricted items. Furthermore, the State will provide ongoing social media messages for a period of time following implementation.

- *If applicable, describe any nutrition education (ex- SNAP-ed) provided, or planned to be provided, to SNAP-eligible households.*

We are actively partnering with the training team to explore a training plan. This plan will be tailored for participants, retailers, and community partners. We will collaborate with FIS on training needs for participants and Call Center Staff.

- *Describe the anticipated timeframe and details of the State's outreach plan, including any training and communication, to reach the participating retailers for the project.*

Kansas will launch a comprehensive communication plan six months ahead of the waiver's implementation date. This plan will be organized into key focus areas, including technical assistance, outreach, training, and both public and internal awareness efforts.

- *Also describe how communication and training will be conducted with newly authorized retailers over the course of the demonstration project.*

Any new SNAP retailer will be provided with technical assistance from the state and access to guidance documents.

**Timeline:**

- Provide an overall timeline of expected timeframes and end dates for specific tasks required to achieve project outcomes. This may be presented as a chart or other format (e.g., Gant Chart, Visio). At a minimum, the timeline should include:
  - SNAP target population and household communication plans;
  - Retailer communication plans;
  - Retailer readiness target date(s);
  - Go-live implementation, including phases if applicable.

| <b>PHASE</b>              | <b>TIMEFRAME</b>  | <b>ACTIVITIES</b>  |
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| Engagement and Discovery  | 03/2026 – 06/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalize contract with successful bidder of currently posted food restriction waiver RFP</li> <li>• Issue the initial announcement of the SNAP Food Restriction Demonstration Waiver approval including upcoming plans to notify retailers and participants</li> <li>• Facilitate initial meeting(s) with retailers</li> <li>• Finalize evaluation plan</li> <li>• Draft retailers monitoring documents</li> </ul>   |
| Marketing and Development | 06/2026 – 08/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create DCF staff messaging and training</li> <li>• Partner with retailers to develop marketing materials to be used in stores</li> <li>• Develop an email address for one point of contact for retailers to request information and ask questions</li> <li>• Draft and send letters to retailer associations and KS retailers informing them of the changes and inviting them to participate in the waiver implementation activities</li> <li>• Development pre-implementation and annual evaluation surveys</li> <li>• Generate Survey Participant Report</li> <li>• Finalize retailer monitoring documents</li> </ul> |
| Pre-Launch Awareness      | 08/2026 – 11/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft updates to the SNAP public website providing relevant information for recipients</li> <li>• Develop community partner toolkit to include FAQs, signage examples and fact sheets</li> <li>• Design a social media campaign strategy</li> <li>• Continue meeting with retailers to provide technical assistance</li> <li>• Send letters to retailers providing updated information regarding implementation and requesting they complete and return an attestation of compliance with the SNAP waiver within 30 days</li> </ul>   |

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| Pre-Implementation Evaluation | 08/2026 – 02/2027 (Go-Live) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct and analyze pre-implementation evaluation survey</li> <li>• Examine EBT records and document baseline data identifying SNAP recipient spending habits</li> </ul>  |
| Implementation Readiness      | 11/2026 – 02/2027           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch social media campaign</li> <li>• Complete DCF staff training</li> <li>• Send mass mailing to all current SNAP participants</li> <li>• Provide the statewide Customer Service team and DCF regional offices talking points regarding waiver implementation</li> <li>• Issue an additional press release detailing when items will no longer be available for purchase with SNAP benefits</li> <li>• Engage retailers that failed to return a completed attestation of compliance form</li> <li>• Provide a UPC list of restricted items to retailers</li> <li>• Continue meeting with retailers to provide technical assistance</li> <li>• Ensure resources on the public SNAP website are accurate</li> <li>• Provide targeted assistance to retailers requiring additional support</li> </ul> |
| Go-Live                       | 02/2027                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go live 02/15/2027</li> <li>• Update DCF staff talking points and FAQs based on common questions</li> <li>• Continue social media posts as needed</li> <li>• Send an initial warning non-compliance letter to any retailer failing to submit a completed attestation of compliance form</li> </ul>  |
| Monitoring/Compliance         | 04/2027                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a non-compliance letter to any retailer failing to respond to the initial warning letter</li> <li>• Share non-compliant retailer information with FNS</li> </ul>   |
| Evaluation                    | 07/2027 – 08/2027           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate first quarterly meeting with retailers and community partners</li> <li>• Conduct first quarterly examination of EBT records</li> <li>• Send a non-compliance letter to any retailer failing to submit a completed attestation of compliance form</li> <li>• Share non-compliant retailer information with FNS</li> </ul>   |

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| Monitoring/Compliance | 10/2027           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a non-compliance letter to any retailer failing to respond to submit a completed attestation of compliance form</li> <li>• Share non-compliant retailer information with FNS</li> </ul> |
| Monitoring/Compliance | 11/2027           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send the Yearly Retailer Attestation Form to each retailer requesting the completed form be returned by 12/31/2027</li> </ul>  |
| Evaluation            | 01/2028 – 02/2028 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct and analyze first annual evaluation survey</li> </ul>  |

**Justification for Request:**

*Explain how the demonstration project will benefit the administration of SNAP in the State and improve the delivery of SNAP benefits to eligible households. Use the space below to describe how implementing this demonstration project will achieve the intended objectives, for example:*

- *Describe how the project will impact administrative burden.*

The eligibility criteria and benefit allotments for participants and households will remain stable, and we anticipate no additional costs. While the implementation of monitoring, training, and evaluation components of the waiver will influence state agency staffing capacities, this presents an opportunity for growth and improvement in our services.

- *Describe how the project will strengthen strategies to encourage healthy choices, healthy outcomes, and healthy SNAP families.*

Currently, SNAP guidelines do not restrict the purchase of food and beverage items that are high in sugar, sodium, and empty calories, offering little to no nutritional value. These purchases are inconsistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) and the states’ aim to improve the nutritional well-being of SNAP participants.

The table below outlines the prevalence of select chronic health conditions among Kansas residents ([BRFSS Data Dashboard | KDHE, KS](#)).

| CHRONIC CONDITION | PREVALENCE |
|-------------------|------------|
| Obesity           | 36.0%      |
| Hypertension      | 34.3%      |
| Diabetes          | 11.1%      |
| High Cholesterol  | 38.8%      |

According to the America’s Health Rankings 2024 Annual Report ([allstatesummaries-ahr24.pdf](#)), Kansas ranks 33<sup>rd</sup> among U.S. states for adult fruit and vegetable consumption. DCF is better utilizing the DUFB program to incentivize the purchase of fruits and vegetables in the retailer setting. Additionally, 10.6% of households in the state experience food insecurity, meaning they lack consistent access to sufficient food due to financial or other resource constraints.

Modifying SNAP-approved food and beverage options through a food restriction waiver offers a promising path to enhance public health. By reducing socioeconomic barriers and promoting healthier food choices as accessible, convenient, and routine for SNAP participants, these interventions can drive meaningful improvements in community well-being.

To better fulfill SNAP's purpose of promoting the general welfare and protecting health, Kansas proposes refining the definition of SNAP-eligible food and beverage purchases to encourage participants to choose more nutritious options.

**Proposed Evaluation Procedures:**

*Demonstration projects must include an evaluation component to determine the project's effects. FNS will require quarterly evaluation reports during the first year of implementation. Thereafter, States will be required to report on an annual basis.*

*Use the space below to describe how the State plans to evaluate the demonstration project and measure the intended outcomes and benefits, for example:*

- *Describe what data will be collected as part of this project.*
  - *FNS strongly encourages the State to collect data on food and beverage purchase consumption and health outcomes by interviewing recipients and collecting qualitative data on food purchasing habits and non-SNAP spending either through a collection of food purchase receipts or a 24-hour dietary recall.*

To evaluate the effectiveness of this demonstration waiver, changes in health behaviors and purchasing patterns among SNAP recipients will be monitored. Kansas will collaborate with USDA, FNS, and FIS (EBT vendor) to collect baseline data and analyze SNAP recipients' purchasing patterns and shifts in health-related habits.

- **Program Implementation Assessment** will include monitoring and will analyze participation rates and benefit utilization throughout the demonstration period.
- **Behavioral and Health Outcomes Evaluation**
  - Implement an impact study utilizing a sampling approach to examine participant shopping and nutrition behaviors across three distinct time points: pre-implementation, quarterly, and annually.
  - The study will include participants from across Kansas.

***SNAP-Eligible Individuals***

- *Describe how the State will evaluate the impact of this project on program administration and program access.*
- *Describe how the State will measure client satisfaction.*

In addition to the evaluations mentioned previously, Kansas will explore methods to assess whether individuals eligible for SNAP continue to have access to approved retailers within their communities.

***SNAP-Authorized Retailers***

- *Describe how the State will evaluate the impact of this project on program administration and program access as it relates to retailers.*

- *Describe how the State will measure retailer satisfaction.*

This assessment may involve evaluating changes in the number and locations of approved retailers over time. By reviewing data both at the time of implementation and at later intervals, we can identify any changes in the number and distribution of retailers authorized to accept SNAP benefits. This ongoing assessment will help us better serve our communities and improve the overall effectiveness of the program. Retailer satisfaction surveys will be conducted within the same timeline as the participant surveys.

### ***Redemption and Transaction Data***

- *Describe how the State will track and evaluate out-of-state transactions in bordering states.*

While Kansas does not receive item-level data on SNAP purchases made out-of-state, the State's EBT vendor (FIS) provides monthly reports on all out-of-state transactions completed with EBT cards. These reports include:

- Total number of transactions
- Total redemption value
- State and zip code of transaction origin

DCF will use these reports to monitor changes in cross-border shopping behavior following implementation of the waiver. Comparison of online and in-store purchases will be analyzed. Where patterns indicate a significant shift in purchasing behavior, DCF will include this information in quarterly evaluations submitted to USDA FNS.

- *FNS will require the following additional data be provided:*
  - *Client complaints about the pilot project;*
  - *Retailer complaints about the pilot project;*
  - *Any additional feedback on the pilot project provided by key stakeholders (e.g., grocer associations or community-based organizations); and*
  - *Out of state transaction data to determine cross-border shopping transactions.*

Kansas is committed to gathering and analyzing feedback from clients and retailers about this demonstration. As part of its communications and outreach strategy, the State will disseminate information to clients, retailers, and the general public regarding the appropriate channels for submitting complaints, inquiries, and other feedback to the SNAP program related to the demonstration.

### **Anticipated Implementation Date:**

*Provide the anticipated implementation date. FNS will provide technical assistance, as it relates to this waiver, to help the State reach the goal implementation date.*

Kansas intends to implement this effort 02/15/2027. While working through the RFP process, DCF staff will continue to meet regularly with FNS MPRO staff to draft plans the contractor can

then review and finalize. By providing these draft plans to the contractor, DCF will be better positioned to meet implementation goals.

*Note: States should submit a demonstration request at least six months before their anticipated implementation date.*

**Anticipated Program Costs:**

*Use the space below to describe what additional expenses will be incurred to implement this pilot project. This could reflect costs associated with notifying clients and retailers, EBT system changes, evaluation contract support, or other items not listed here.*

DCF posted a Request for Proposal 12/29/2025 to identify a contractor to lead this waiver implementation process. DCF anticipates the contractor being in place early 04/2026. There are no additional anticipated impacts on the costs of the SNAP program for the state. However, additional expenses will arise as the project unfolds. SNAP leadership is estimating additional positions will be needed to better support the DUFEB program and to implement and monitor the food restriction waiver. The majority of costs associated with this initiative will be incurred by SNAP-accepting retailers. Kansas retailers will be required to modify their processing systems to prevent the purchase of restricted food and beverage items using SNAP benefits.

**Anticipated Expiration Date:**

DCF anticipates this waiver expiring five years after the date of FNS approval.

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