



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

August 3, 2026

Amber Gillum
Deputy State Director
South Carolina Department of Social Services
1535 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1520

Dear Deputy Director Gillum:

On July 23, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Social Services requested to modify the restricted soft drink definition of the State agency's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Restriction Waiver.

The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) approves this modification request. As expressed in the request, South Carolina is revising the definition of "soft drinks" to: "any non-alcoholic beverage made with carbonated water and flavored or sweetened, or both, with **more than five** (5) grams of sugar or other natural or artificial sweeteners." The sugar content in the previous definition was "five grams or more." This modification will not change South Carolina's implementation date nor their planned approach to implementation.

As approved by FNA on December 10, 2025, South Carolina will implement their project on August 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions, as outlined in the December 10th approval, remain in effect.

FNA applauds South Carolina and its SNAP team for the efforts you have made towards the implementation of your SNAP Food Restriction pilot thus far. We look forward to continuing to support your efforts to successfully implement this innovative and impactful project on August 31, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shiela Corley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shiela" being more prominent than the last name "Corley".

Shiela Corley
Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture