

## Retailer Notice

### Indiana Bans Unhealthy Soft Drink Beverages and Candy from SNAP EBT

**Beginning January 1, 2026, Indiana SNAP retailers cannot accept SNAP EBT payments for soft drinks or candy.**

Soft drinks include any nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. This **does not include** a beverage that contains milk or milk products, soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes, or are exclusively naturally sweetened using natural vegetable and/or fruit juice.

Candy includes any item that is 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. This **does not include** any prepared item that requires refrigeration.

You will need to comply with these changes. **If you do not comply, FNS may withdraw your SNAP authorization, and you will no longer be able to accept SNAP EBT.**

For more information on Indiana's SNAP Food Restrictions, please contact the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration' at [SmartSNAPInquiries@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:SmartSNAPInquiries@fssa.IN.gov).

For a complete list of states implementing similar changes and to review the [Indiana SNAP Food Restriction Waiver approval](#), visit USDA's [SNAP Food Restriction Waivers](#).

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