

Retailer Notice

Iowa Bans Unhealthy Foods and Beverages from SNAP EBT

Beginning January 1, 2026, Iowa SNAP retailers cannot accept SNAP EBT payments for taxable food items, (including candy, prepared foods, soft drinks, and other sweetened drinks), except seeds and plants that grow food, as defined by the Iowa Department of Revenue.

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 Iowa Department of Revenue taxable versus non-taxable items, please visit the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services' [SNAP Retailer webpage](#) and [Iowa Sales Tax on Food webpage](#).

If you have questions, please contact SNAPRetailer@hhs.iowa.gov.

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

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