

## Retailer Notice

### West Virginia Bans Soda from SNAP EBT

**Beginning January 1, 2026, West Virginia SNAP retailers cannot accept SNAP EBT payments for soda.**

“Soda pop” or “Soda” means any carbonated non-alcoholic beverage that contains water, a sweetening agent (including but not limited to sugar, high-fructose corn syrup, or artificial sweeteners), flavoring, and carbon dioxide gas to create carbonation. This term includes beverages with added caffeine or other ingredients but does not include carbonated water without sweeteners or flavoring.

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 West Virginia’s SNAP Food Restrictions, please visit the West Virginia Department of Human Services’ [SNAP Retailer webpage](#).

If you have questions, please contact [DoHSPublicComments@wv.gov](mailto:DoHSPublicComments@wv.gov).

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

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