

Retailer Notice

Idaho Bans Candy and Soda from SNAP EBT

Beginning February 15, 2026, Idaho SNAP retailers cannot accept SNAP EBT payments for candy and soda.

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

“Soda” is any non-alcoholic beverage that contains natural or artificial sweeteners. “Soda” does not include any beverages that contain milk or milk substitutes, that are greater than fifty percent (50%) vegetable juice or fruit juice by volume, and that require preparation before consumption, such as powders or concentrates.

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 Idaho’s SNAP Food Restrictions, please visit the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’ [SNAP Retailer webpage](#).

If you have questions, please contact SNAPWaiver@dhw.idaho.gov.

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

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