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**Indiana: SNAP Restricted Purchases Self-Attestation of Compliance**  
***Effective Date: January 1, 2026***

**Compliance statement**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, SNAP benefits cannot be used to purchase soft drinks and candy at a SNAP-authorized retailer. The restrictions are:

1. "Soft drinks," defined as "non-alcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. The term does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or are exclusively naturally sweetened using natural vegetable and/or fruit juice;" and
2. "Candy," defined as "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. The term does not include any preparation requiring refrigeration."

**Retailer responsibilities:**

1. Stop selling prohibited items
2. Update Point-of-Sale systems to block unauthorized purchases
3. Train retail staff about the change
4. Work with FSSA and/or USDA to ensure compliance
5. Notify FSSA if the retailer cannot comply

**Attestation statement:**

I agree to abide by all SNAP program rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Store FNS retailer number: \_\_\_\_\_

Store name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form to [SmartSNAPInquiries@fssa.in.gov](mailto:SmartSNAPInquiries@fssa.in.gov).**

