



## Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

### What does this final rule mean for my store?

To ensure SNAP recipients have ample access to staple foods, this rule requires retailers that accept SNAP benefits to stock both a variety and minimum amounts of items in certain food categories. If you do not currently stock enough variety or amount of certain food items at your store, then you may need to add a few new items:

- To continue to accept SNAP benefits at your store you will need to have at least 84 staple food items on your shelves regularly starting one year from the date that this rule becomes effective
- If you don't yet accept SNAP benefits at your store, but want to apply to do so, you will need to have at least 84 staple food items on your shelves regularly starting four months from the date that this rule becomes effective

This minimum stock of 84 items includes: 7 varieties in each of the 4 staple food categories, with 3 units of each variety:

Staple Food Category	Number of Varieties	Number of Units per Variety	Total Items per Category
Vegetables or fruits	7	3	21
Dairy products	7	3	21
Meat, poultry, or fish	7	3	21
Bread or cereals	7	3	21

Also note that:

- If more than 50% of your business's total gross sales come from prepared foods cooked or heated on-site by the retailer, before or after purchase, you will no longer be eligible to accept SNAP benefits; this means that most "you-buy-we-fry"-type restaurants cannot participate in SNAP beginning four months from the date that this rule becomes effective
- If you are a store owner who accepts SNAP benefits and your store breaks SNAP rules, then your name, the name of your store, and the nature of your violation will be made public starting on the date that this rule becomes effective
- This rule does not change what food is eligible for purchase with SNAP benefits