



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

**Executive Order 2025-03D**

Working Group on the Submission of a Waiver Excluding  
Certain Beverages from SNAP in Ohio

**WHEREAS**, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, was created to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture must approve, via waiver, exclusions to SNAP purchases beyond what is already excluded in federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of states have submitted waivers to exclude certain beverages from SNAP, as they do not alleviate hunger, have minimal nutritional value, and have been shown to drive obesity, type 2 diabetes, and hypertension health impacts; and


**WHEREAS**, limiting what purchases may be made with SNAP requires thoughtful consideration, advance planning, and careful implementation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Working Group on the Submission of a Waiver Excluding Certain Beverages from SNAP in Ohio ("Working Group") is hereby created to:
  - a. Make recommendations that restrict purchases via SNAP of beverages that may contribute to negative health outcomes for individuals, while accomplishing the following:
    1. Balancing the needs of retailers to implement any restrictions in a cost-effective manner; and
    2. Determining the most efficient means by which state government will regulate such restrictions; and
    3. Educating SNAP recipients on the impact of any restrictions and the alternatives available in the marketplace.

- b. Prepare a written report making recommendations regarding the structure of a waiver request to be submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.
2. The Working Group shall be comprised of:
  - a. The Director, or a designee, of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as Chair of the Working Group;
  - b. The Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid, or a designee;
  - c. The Director of the Ohio Department of Health, or a designee;
  - d. A pediatrician or family physician;
  - e. A nutritionist;
  - f. Two representatives of associations with members that are SNAP retailers;
  - g. Two representatives of associations with members that either produce or support the production of beverages; and
  - h. Two individuals with experience in SNAP policy.
3. The Working Group shall be staffed by the Department of Job and Family Services, which shall provide the support and resources necessary for the Working Group to fulfill its obligations as outlined in this Executive Order, in coordination with the Office of the Governor. This shall include space to gather and consider information necessary for developing the recommendations and report called for in this Order.
4. Members of the Working Group shall serve without compensation.
5. No later than ninety days following the date of this Executive Order, the Working Group shall submit its written report detailing its recommendations.
6. Upon the issuance of its written report, the Committee shall cease to exist and the Department of Job and Family Services, within thirty days, shall submit a waiver request to the United States Department of Agriculture.

I signed this Executive Order on June 30, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio, and it shall take effect immediately and remain in full force until submission of the waiver.

  
Mike DeWine, Governor

ATTEST:

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Frank LaRose, Secretary of State

