



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

SNAP BEVERAGE UPDATE | NEW GUIDELINES BEGIN OCT. 1 2026

What's **NOT** Changing

SNAP eligibility, benefit amounts, schedules and the checkout experience **will remain the same.**



SNAP eligibility is not changing.



Benefit amounts are not changing.



Benefit schedules are not changing.



Your access to nutritious food is not changing.



Starting Oct. 1, soda, diet soda and carbonated energy drinks **will no longer be SNAP-eligible.**



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