

Goal: advance reforms to SNAP that better align the program with its central purpose of providing nutritional assistance that promotes improved nutrition and healthier lifestyles

Amendment: SNAP Nutrition Pilot Program

- Authorize a pilot program in a limited number of metropolitan areas
- Allow for waiver authority (through USDA and/or HHS, as appropriate) to enable participating areas to implement benefit models that restrict eligible foods based on defined nutrition standards
- Explore models similar to WIC, including limiting purchases to approved food categories or nutritionally qualified products
- Permit testing of:
 - Restrictions on low-nutritional-value items
 - Incentives for fruits, vegetables, and other nutrient-dense foods
 - Alternative delivery mechanisms (e.g., structured food packages or approved vendor systems)
- Require evaluation of diet quality and purchasing behavior