Mandatory pass-through language

Sometimes used in tobacco tax laws:

New York

"It is intended that the ultimate incidence of and liability for the tax shall be upon the consumer, and that any agent or dealer who shall pay the tax to the tax commission shall collect the tax from the purchaser or consumer."

Tennessee

"The tobacco tax is declared to be a levy on the consumer, and the consumer shall be liable for the tax.

The distributors shall add the amount of tobacco taxes levied to the price of cigarettes or other tobacco products, and the distributor may state the amount of the taxes separately from the price of such cigarettes or other tobacco products on all price display signs, sales or delivery slips, bills and statements that advertise or indicate the price of such cigarettes or tobacco products."









Earmarking tax proceeds

To ensure public health benefit, earmark proceeds for:

- ✓ Programs to increase physical activity
- ✓ Increase access to healthy food and water
- ✓ Improve Built Environment
- ✓ School programs
- ✓ Health education
- ✓ Disease screening and treatment

Can direct funding to vulnerable communities

A regulatory fee instead of a tax?

Regulatory Fee

- Not a tax a fee charged on businesses that sell harmful products
- Fee proceeds can only be used for regulatory programs to mitigate the harm caused by the product
 - Must establish a NEXUS
 - Proceeds cannot be redirected
- Sometimes legislative procedural advantages



SSB taxes – the answer?

Sugar-sweetened beverage taxes can be a positive public health intervention...

... but they must be considered in the context of a broader array of policy approaches

Other policies to reduce consumption of SSBs

- SSBs out of schools, daycares, afterschool settings, hospitals
- Adopt procurement and vending policies that restrict purchase of SSBs
- Ensure availability of free, potable water
- Changes to SNAP?

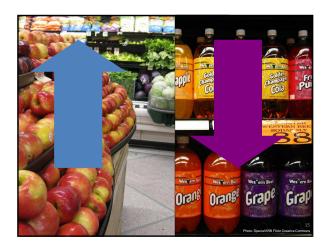




Policy approaches to promote healthy choices

- Increase the availability and affordability of healthy foods
- Facilitate access to healthy foods
- Decrease the prevalence of unhealthy foods









Tax Incentives • Many forms: credits, exemptions, deductions, tax holidays • Common tool to incentivize behavior



