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COMMISSIONER BASSETT RESPONDS TO FDA DELAY ON NUTRITION FACTS LABEL UPDATE

Today, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced it would [delay implementation of the Nutrition Facts label update by at least 18 months](#). Under the Obama Administration, the FDA had agreed to implement changes to the nutrition facts label that would have included an “added sugars” category and a percent daily value for that category, among other changes. New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett issued the following statement:

“I am profoundly disappointed that the FDA has decided to delay the implementation of the Nutrition Facts label update. It is yet another action by the Trump Administration that fails to prioritize Americans’ health. Our country is in the midst of an obesity epidemic and nutrition related diseases are driving poor health outcomes and early death. This delay denies the American people important information to act in the interest of their health and the health of their families. New Yorkers need this information to make informed food choices, particularly around added sugars.”

This delay follows the recent delay by the FDA of calorie labeling on menus and menu boards, a change mandated by the Affordable Care Act that the FDA has delayed three times. Originally scheduled to take effect in December 2015, calorie labeling is now scheduled to take effect in May 2018.

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