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Does the applicant or recipient have to sign a paper Addendum to Application for Benefits (AAB) when the SNAP application or renewal is completed using COMPASS?

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No, it is not necessary to have the applicant or recipient sign a paper AAB when using the COMPASS process.

SNAP Handbook 503.42 indicates a paper AAB will only be signed if the language is not included in the application. The statements on the AAB have been incorporated into the Rights and Responsibilities section for those who are using COMPASS for their SNAP application/renewals. The applicant or recipient must indicate they have read and understood their rights and responsibilities in order to complete the process. The CAO will retain a copy of the e-signature page.