

From: **Whittaker, Frank M** <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov>

Date: Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 3:07 PM

Subject: Re: WV45\_SAS

To: Rosen, Bryan D <bryan.d.rosen@wv.gov>

Cc: Lewis, Brandon S <brandon.s.lewis@wv.gov>, Alisha S Pettit <alisha.s.pettit@wv.gov>, Greg Clay <gregory.c.clay@wv.gov>, Samantha L Willis <samantha.l.willis@wv.gov>

Bryan,

Your emergency request is approved to engage a vendor to assist the agency with reducing SNAP case error rates and ensuring compliance with the Federal One Big, Beautiful Bill.

Please note that this is not an approval of any specific product or vendor. You must follow all procedures outlined in the Purchasing Division Procedures Handbook. Please return the completed contract and all supporting documentation to this office within 30 days of this approval for public posting.

Frank.

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 2:31 PM Rosen, Bryan D <[bryan.d.rosen@wv.gov](mailto:bryan.d.rosen@wv.gov)> wrote:

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Bryan

On Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 6:40 AM Rosen, Bryan D <[bryan.d.rosen@wv.gov](mailto:bryan.d.rosen@wv.gov)> wrote:

Hi Frank,

Please see the attached emergency purchase request for SAS. This software is necessary to ensure that payment error rates remain below 6%, which prevents significant paybacks of federal funds.

Best regards,

Bryan

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From: **Lewis, Brandon S** <[brandon.s.lewis@wv.gov](mailto:brandon.s.lewis@wv.gov)>

Date: Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 12:50 PM

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Here you go sir.

Thanks!



**Brandon Lewis, Chief**

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**APPROVED**

BY: FW DATE: 3/2/26



## Emergency Purchase Request Form for Central Purchases (WV-45)

**Statutory Authority:** Pursuant to West Virginia Code §5A-3-15 and 148 C.S.R. 1-7.6, the director may authorize, in writing, a state spending unit to purchase in the open market, without filing requisition or estimate, specific commodities for immediate delivery to meet bona fide emergencies arising from unforeseen causes.

**Follow-up Award Requirements:** Effective July 1, 2024, agencies are delegated the authority, upon written approval, to process all emergency purchases as agency contracts. Agencies must submit all contract documents to Purchasing.Division@wv.gov no later than 30 days of issuance.

**Agency Information:**

Agency/Department: Department of Human Services (DoHS)  
Procurement Officer: Bryan Rosen  
Date of Request: 2/27/26

**Description of the emergency circumstance(s) that led to this emergency purchase request:**

*(What is the emergency situation? Provide detailed information.)*

DoHS plays a critical role in ensuring SNAP benefits reach the families who need them most. Traditional case review methods can leave errors undetected, risking higher state costs if federal funding is reduced due to elevated error rates. With the passage of HR1, new federal thresholds introduce a potential \$55 million liability for West Virginia if error rates exceed 6%.

**Proposed remedy:**

*(What is the item or service that needs to be purchased to remedy the emergency situation in the short term?)*

SAS Payment Integrity for Food Assistance, a payment Integrity solution that uses advanced analytics to continuously monitor active cases, flagging high-risk cases likely to contain errors. Additionally, SAS' solution focuses on analyzing data to promote quality and efficiency through the use of continuous monitoring. This allows DoHS staff to focus their time where it matters most—preserving accuracy, reducing overpayment, and ensuring families receive the support they need.

**Estimated cost:**

*(How much will the items or service cost to rectify the situation? Include total cost.)*

\$876,259.97

**Proposed duration/quantity:**

*(If a service is needed, how long will you need it until you can properly bid out a long-term solution? If an item is needed, how many does your agency need?)*

4/1/2026 to 3/31/2027



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