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Federal officials will present WV a high performance bonus

West Virginia will receive a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) high performance bonus of \$1,082,661. William Kluxen, Regional Director of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States Department of Agriculture will visit the WV Department of Health and Human Resources today to present the bonus.

“We are extremely pleased to recognize West Virginia for their timeliness of application processing,” said Food and Nutrition Service Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Patricia Dombroski. “Not only was West Virginia’s rate the 5th in the nation, but the state has received a timeliness bonus for 8 of the past 9 years this award has been presented.”

In West Virginia, the DHHR in partnership with the USDA issues an average of \$41 million in monthly benefits to 157,000 households.

Changes have been made over the last few years to increase the accessibility to SNAP benefits for the state’s citizens. Applications can now be completed on-line and telephone interviews are now available to determine eligibility. WV SNAP caseloads have increased forty-one percent in the past three years.

DHHR Cabinet Secretary Michael J. Lewis, M.D., Ph.D., said, “We are receiving this award because we have a dedicated workforce. Our employees strive every day to provide the best service for our clients.”