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### **POLICY BULLETIN #13-90-SYS**

# PAPERLESS ALTERNATE MODULE (PAM)

Date:	Subtopic(s):
October 18, 2013	Welfare Management System (WMS) Data Entry and Transactions
☐ This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.	The purpose of this policy bulletin is to introduce the Paperless Alternate Module (PAM) to Cash Assistance (CA) and Non Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff as well as all ancillary sites that process CA and SNAP transactions.
Valid reasons for	PAM will be rolled out to Centers in stages. On Monday, October 21, 2013, PAM will initially roll out at Fordham Model Job Center (44), SNAP Center 15 (S15), SNAP Residential Facilities Center (S61), SNAP Centralized Fair Hearing, and the SNAP Centralized Mail Recertification Unit (S66). Other locations will be phased in at later dates.
using PAM	The PAM system is designed to eliminate data entry from printed authorization documents. PAM is <u>only</u> used when case actions <u>must</u> be taken outside of the Paperless Office System (POS). For every transaction processed through PAM, staff will be required to indicate the reason for not processing the action in POS. A list of reasons will be available from a drop down menu in PAM. This list includes:
	<ul> <li>Medicaid (MA) only Recertification</li> <li>Single Issue (SI) grants Transferred Case</li> <li>Change MA authorization date</li> <li>Reopen a line to AP status</li> <li>CED Update (Only used when a budget is already clocking down in WMS)</li> <li>SNAP 15 – TAD</li> <li>WMS Error Correction TAD (only when original TAD was submitted in PAM)</li> <li>Multi-Suffix</li> <li>System Outage</li> </ul>
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- Advised by Help Desk
- Not available in POS (used only for transactions not available in POS)
- POP/ADVENT
- Other (a comment <u>must</u> be entered to detail why the action is not being taken in POS)

**Note**: Welfare Management System (WMS) actions that previously did not require submission to the Control Unit (i.e. application registration, application modification, worker case update, etc...) will continue to be processed directly through WMS and not through PAM.

The implementation of PAM will eliminate certain Control Unit functions such as batching documents, reconciliation of documents prior to retention and the manual stamping of paper authorization documents. PAM will now systematically be batching the transactions and generating authorization numbers beginning with **50000000** and reducing by 1 for each PAM transaction (**50000000**, **499999999**, etc...) to help identify all PAM processed transactions.

PAM will also allow staff to initiate, approve, and process grant data entry transactions without using the Public Assistance (PA) Single Issue Authorization Form (LDSS-3575), or the SNAP Single Issue Authorization Form (LDSS-3574).

Back-up-documents

**Note**: If the transaction being processed requires a back-up-document (BUD), the current process of creating a manual **LDSS-3575** and/or **LDSS-3574** and maintaining it in a tickler file must still be followed. On the due date of the document, the JOS/Worker must check WMS to see if the BUD is needed. If the BUD is needed <u>and</u> can now be processed in POS, it should be processed in POS and the paper documents should be discarded properly. If the action still cannot be processed in POS, then a new electronic PAM document must be created and processed.

All other data entry transactions, including the Turnaround Document (TAD), must be completed manually. This includes having the document approved and signed by the appropriate supervisory staff. Once approved, the Data Entry forms must be scanned and indexed into the electronic case record using the case/link number and <u>not</u> the application registration number.

New document type

When indexing the scanned documents, staff must choose **Internal Paper Authorization Document** as the **Document Type**. As PAM is designed to mimic the paper process, any additional screens or documents that would normally be sent to control along with the Data Entry Document must also be scanned and indexed, creating a multiple page document. Staff must then log in to PAM and create a new PAM activity.

**Note**: New scanners with a larger flatbed will be provided at each location to allow for the scanning of the TAD. These scanners will not replace the other scanners at the locations and are <u>only</u> to be used for the scanning of TADs and if necessary, the accompanying budgets that are being authorized on that TAD.

After implementation of the PAM system is complete, Control Units will no longer accept any paper transactions. If a transaction is in error status as identified on the **WINRO125** or a single issuance grant has purged, as indicated on the **WINRO107**, the Error Correction Supervisor must alert the JOS/Worker of the error. The JOS/Worker must create a new error correction PAM transaction. The **WINRO126** will no longer have to be monitored, as all successfully transmitted TADs are stored in the **Internal Paper Authorization Document** folder of the HRA OneViewer.

User Rights

As PAM is not intended to be a replacement of POS, certain functionalities have not been carried over into the new system. Unlike in POS, where staff can work below their titles, most staff will <u>not</u> be able to function in PAM in any role other than their designated title. For example, a Supervisor will not be able to initiate an eligibility transaction using a Turnaround Authorization Document (TAD). This is a function that is limited to staff identified as JOS/Worker.

The five functionalities in PAM are:

- JOS/Worker
- AJOS/Supervisor
- Data Entry Supervisor
- Data Entry Operator
- D&C Operator (CA Typist)

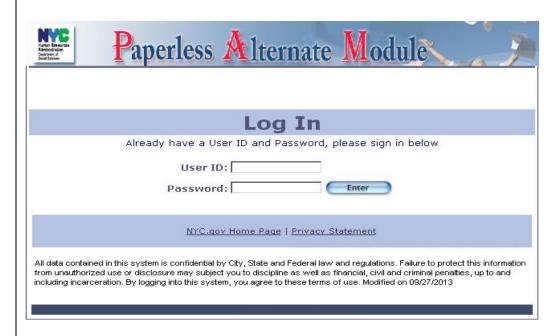
Exceptions will be made to allow Notice of Intent (NOI) clerks as well as Fair Hearing and Conference (FH&C) staff to initiate actions associated with their functions in PAM.

**Note:** User rights will be established and maintained through the POS Enrollment System.

PAM link is available in the POS Portal

For ease of access, staff will be able to log in to PAM through a new link in the POS portal. Staff will be required to sign on to PAM using their Network ID and password.





If a PAM user encounters any issues with logging in to PAM or any other usage problems, they should call the MIS POS Help Desk at **718-510-0551** or send an email to <a href="mailto:helpdesk-pos@hra.nyc.gov">helpdesk-pos@hra.nyc.gov</a>.

Screenshots detailing the PAM process are attached to this procedure, separated by the role of each staff member in the process.

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#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: PAM Screens for all users

Attachment B: JOS/Worker Screens

Attachment C: AJOS/Supervisor Screens

Data Entry Supervisor Screens

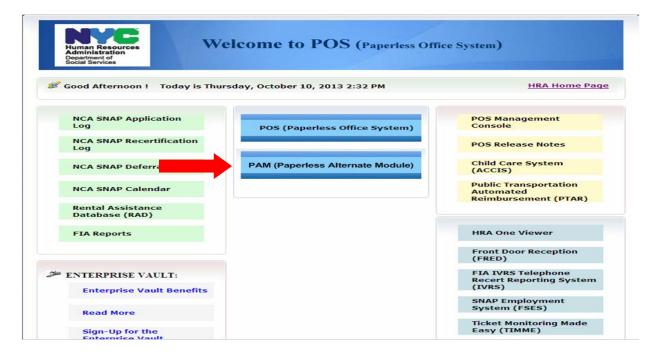
Data Entry Operator Screens

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D&C Operator (CA Typist) Screens

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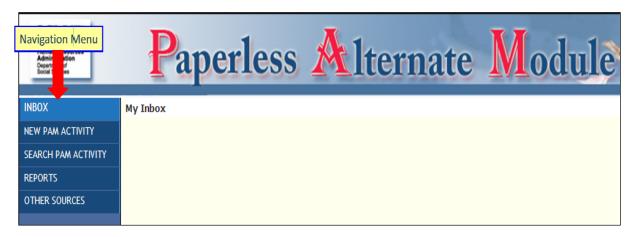
A new link to access PAM has been created in the POS Portal.



Clicking on the link will bring up the log in screen. Staff must enter their network ID and password and click the **ENTER** button.



After logging in, the first screen that all PAM users will see is their inbox which provides PAM users the ability to see all the activities in his/her queue and what status they are in. To the left of the inbox is the **Navigation Menu** with five different links:



**INBOX:** Allows PAM users to see all the activities in his/her queue and what status they are in.

**NEW PAM ACTIVITY:** Opens the PAM Client Search screen (link will <u>only</u> available for PAM users designated as JOS/Worker).

**SEARCH PAM ACTIVITY:** Opens the PAM Activity Search screen (additional screen shots are on the following pages).

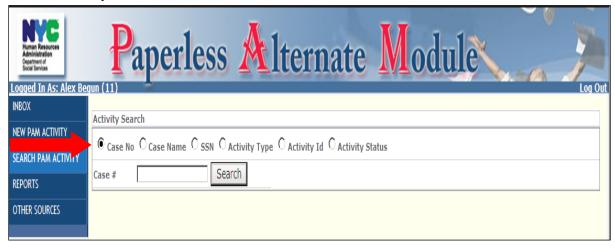
**REPORTS**: Provides ability to track all requests created by the PAM User and the ability to show the report based on the criteria selected by the PAM user.

**OTHER SOURCES**: Opens a drop down window with hyperlinks to: <u>WMS</u>, the <u>HRA OneViewer</u> and the <u>Toe Digit Schedule</u>.

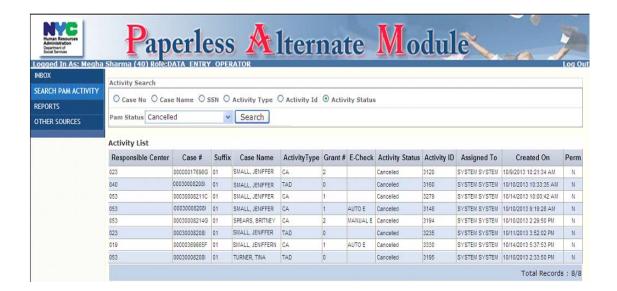
# **Search PAM Activity**

All PAM users have the ability to search for activities using the following criteria:

- Case No
- Case Name
- SSN
- Activity Type
- Activity ID
- Activity Status



Results of the search will be displayed, in **read only** mode, in a grid at the bottom of the screen with a paging option for easier navigation.



**Note:** If an incomplete case number is used, a listing of all cases containing those digits will be displayed as in the screen below.

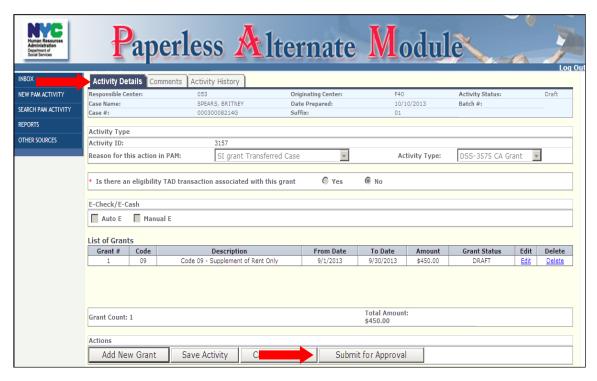


#### **Additional Functions**

In addition to the **Navigation Menu**, there are three tabs across the top of PAM: **Activity Details**, **Comments**, **Activity History**.



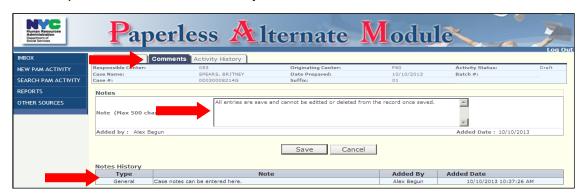
**Activity Details Tab**: Allows PAM users to process activities on a selected PAM transaction based on their designated functionality (i.e. Submit for Approval, Return to JOS/Worker, etc...).





# **Comments Tab**: Allows any PAM user to:

- Type notes (maximum 500 characters) in the Notes Box (click **SAVE** to commit notes to PAM)
- Review previous notes in read-only mode

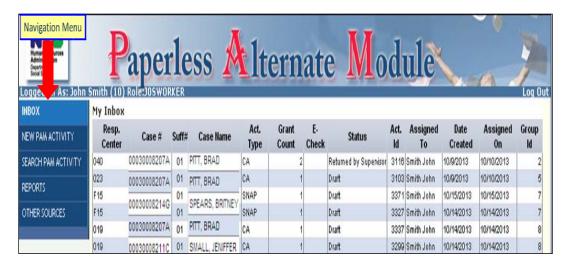


Activity History Tab: Allows all PAM users to see the PAM Activity on a certain case.



After logging on to PAM the JOS/Worker's **Inbox** (My Inbox) will be the first screen he/she sees. This screen provides a listing of all the actions taken by a user that still require processing.

To initiate a new transaction click on the **NEW PAM ACTIVITY** button in the Navigation Menu.

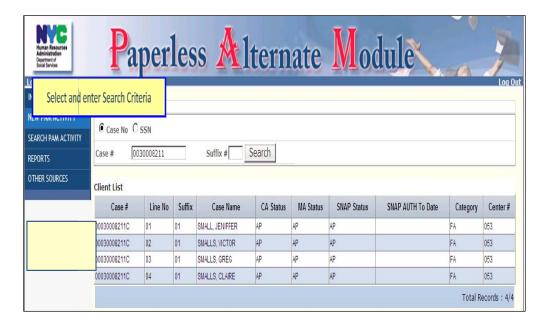




The Client Search screen will open up:

- Enter the case number or SSN and click on search. PAM will connect with WMS and return case information which will be displayd in the Client List section.
- Click on the case number (#) which will act as a hyperlink to import more WMS data for the case and bring up the **Activity Details** tab.

**Note**: For application cases, use the link number and <u>not</u> the application registration number.

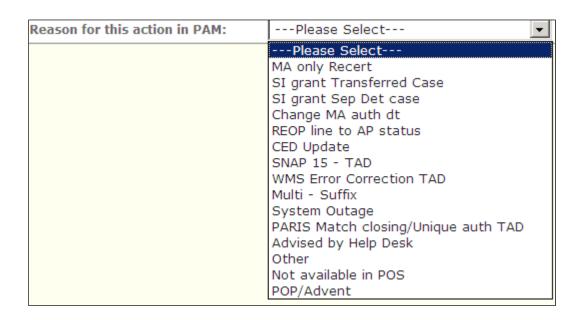


# Creating a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Grant (LDSS-3574)

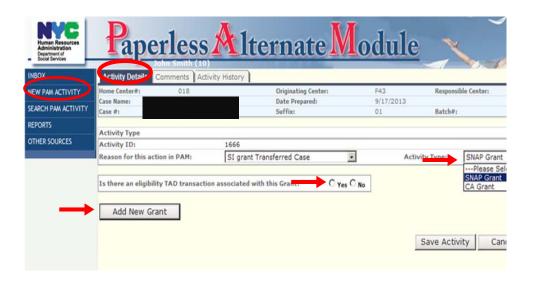
After selecting the case to be worked on, the **Activity Details** screen will open. To initiate a SNAP grant the JOS/Worker must:

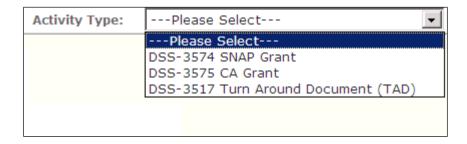
 Select a reason for taking the action in PAM. If "Other" is selected, a text box will appear and the JOS/Worker <u>must</u> explain why the action is not being processed in POS.





- Select SNAP Grant as the Activity Type
- Answer Yes or No to Is there an eligibility TAD transaction associated with this Grant?
- Click Add New Grant to proceed

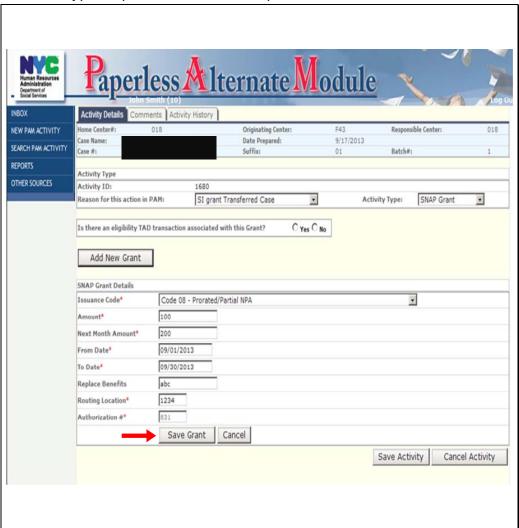




In the **Grant Details** section, the JOS/Worker must:

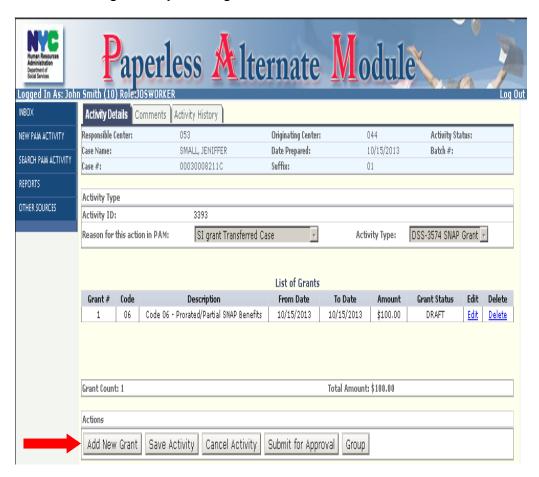
- Enter the grant information
- Click the Save Grant button

**Note**: The authorization number will be generated by PAM unless the issuance type requires the reuse of a prior authorization number.



# The **Summary Section** will open up:

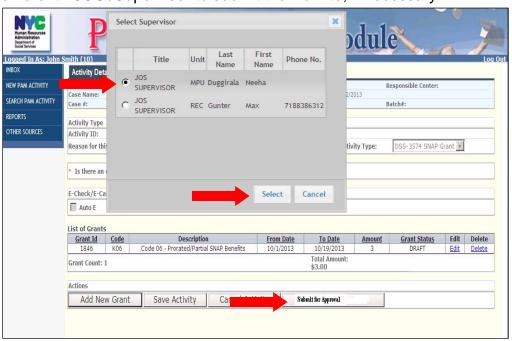
 If additional SNAP grants are required staff can add additional SNAP grants by clicking on the Add New Grant button



After the initiation of all the SNAP grants for a specific case:

- Click on the **Submit for Approval** button
- A new screen will pop up, select the Supervisor to submit the grants to for approval and click the **Select** button. A confirmation window will pop up
- Click **OK** to proceed

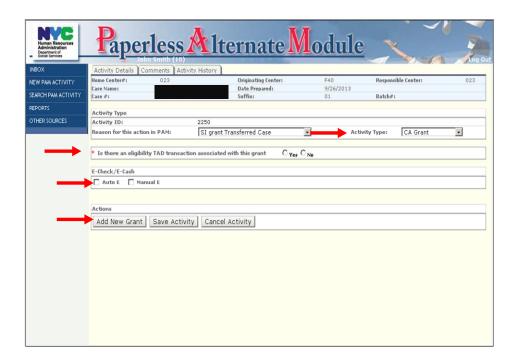
**Note**: The default will be the AJOSI/Supervisor identified as the JOS/Worker's supervisor in POS. Staff will have the ability to select a different AJOSI/Supervisor to submit the work to, if necessary.



# **Creating a Cash Assistance Grant (LDSS-3575)**

To initiate a CA Grant:

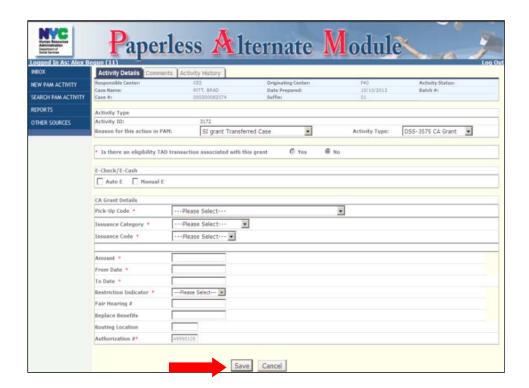
- Select a reason for not taking the action in POS
- Select CA Grant as the activity type
- Indicate if an eligibility TAD is associated with this activity
- Indicate if the CA grant is an E-Check and if it is an Auto E or a Manual E-Check
- Click the Add New Grant button



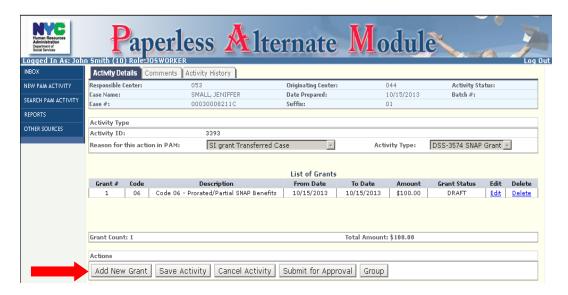
#### The **Grant Details** screen will appear:

- Select the appropriate pick up code from the drop down menu
- Select the appropriate Issuance Category from the drop down menu
- Select the appropriate Issuance Code from the drop down menu
- Enter the:
  - Amount of the grant in the Amount field
  - From and To dates in the respective fields
- Select the Restriction Indicator from the drop down menu
- Click the Save button

**Note**: PAM will only allow for the entry of Payee Information if the Restriction Indicator requires it.



The **Summary Section** will open up. If additional CA grants are needed, staff must click on the **Add New Grant** button.



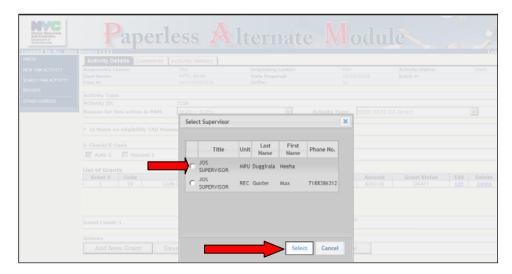
#### After all CA Grants are entered for a case

click the Submit for Approval button



The **Submit for Approval** button will bring up the **Select Supervisor** screen where the appropriate supervisory staff will be selected

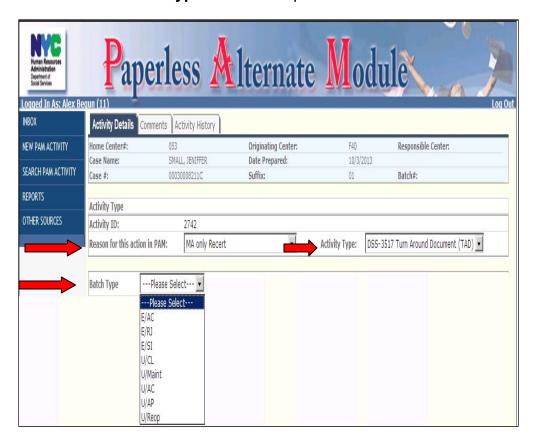
- Click the **Select** button and a confirmation window will pop up
- Click **OK** to proceed



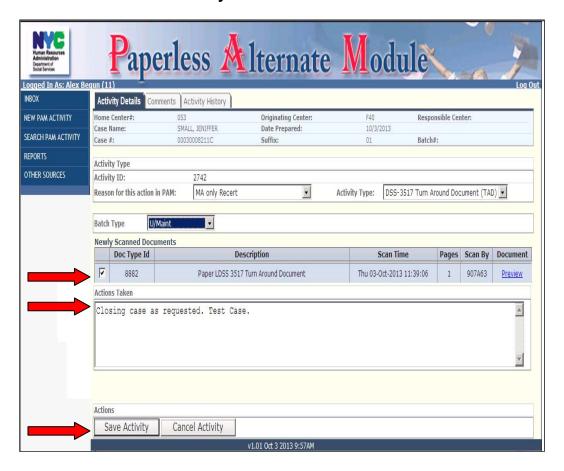
# **Authorizing Paper Turnaround Document (TAD)**

To initiate a PAM activity involving a TAD:

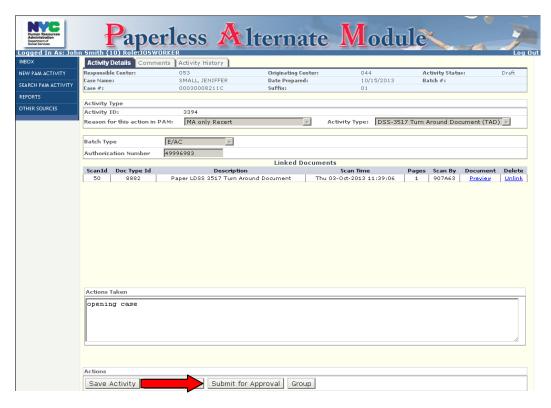
- Select the reason for using PAM from the drop down menu
- Select the **Activity Type** from the drop down menu
- Select the **Batch Type** from the drop down menu



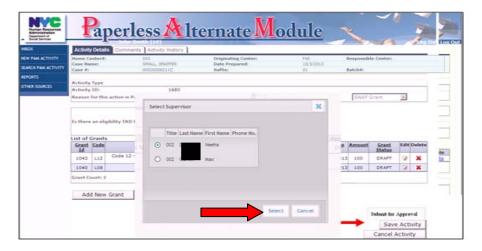
- Select the TAD to associate with the activity (a check will appear in the small box adjacent to the **Doc Type ID** field
- Enter a brief description of the action being taken
- Click on Save Activity



• Click on the Submit for Approval button

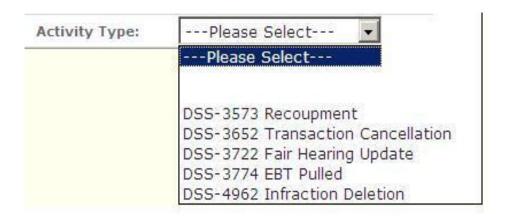


• Select the appropriate supervisory staff and click the **Select** button

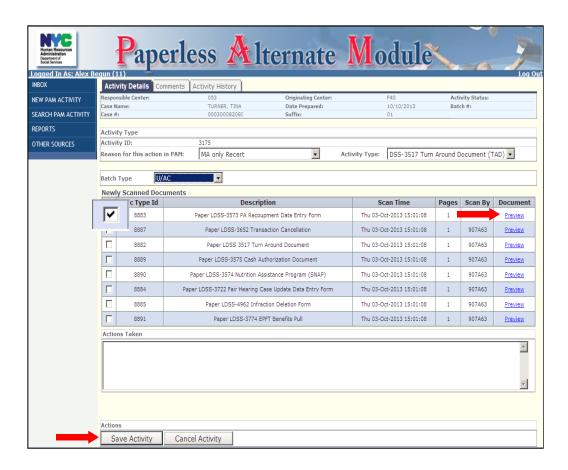


#### **Authorizing All Other Data Entry Documents**

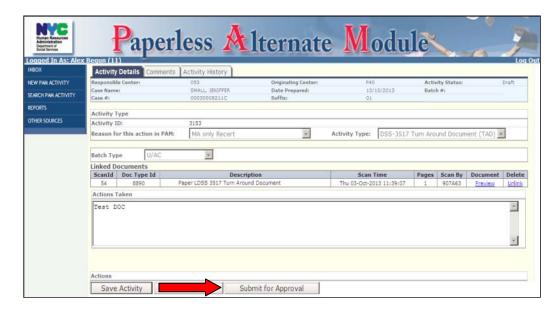
When the reason, **Not Avialable in POS**, is selected as the reason for taking an action in PAM the **Activity Type** drop down will allow the JOS/Worker to select one of the data entry documents that is currently not available in POS.



- Select the appropriate Activity Type and the Activity Details section will display all of the data entry documents related to the selected activity that have been scanned and indexed into the Internal Paper Authorization Document folder
- Click on the **Preview** link to view the scanned image(s)
- Select that document by checking off the box next to the document being authorized
- Click on the **Save Activity** button



When completed, click on the Submit for Approval button

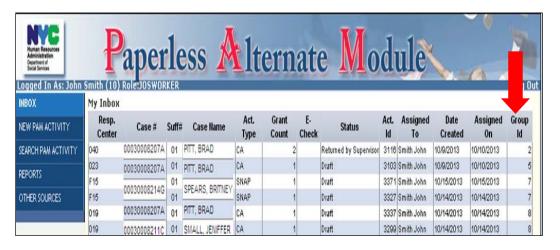


- Select the appropriate supervisory staff
- Click the **Select** button

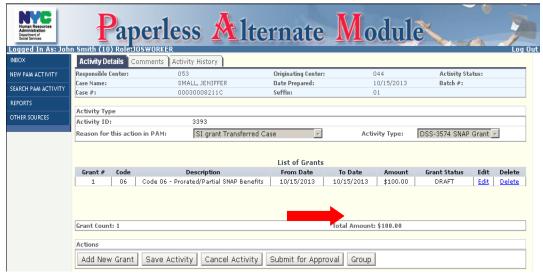


# **Grouping**

When multiple PAM Activity Types (SNAP Grant, CA Grant, TAD, etc...) are being processed on a specific case, staff will be able to group the activities together. Each Activity Type in a group will share a common, group ID.

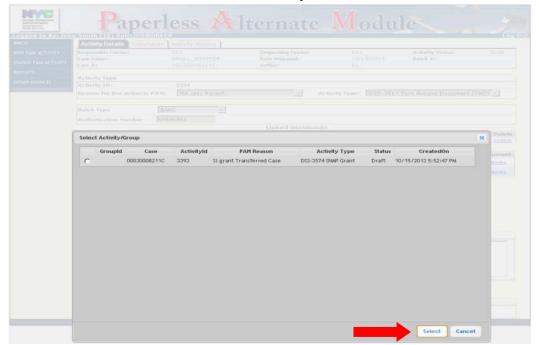


Clicking on the **Group** button will open a pop-up window listing all the actions initiated on a particular case by the JOS/Worker.

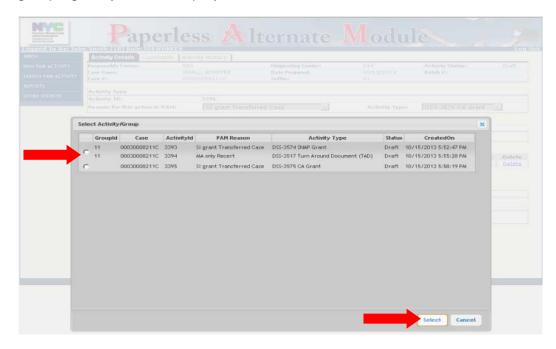


If the activity was not previously grouped, only the current activity will be displayed

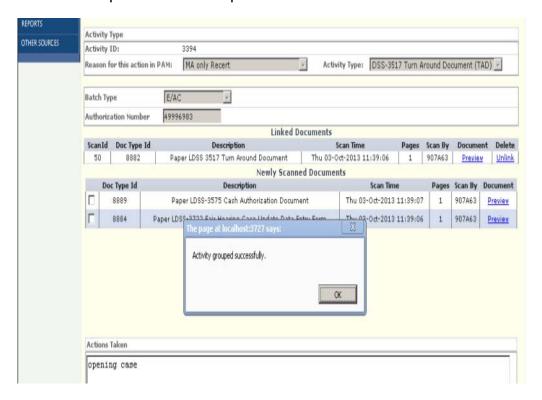
• JOS/Worker must select the activity and click on the **Select** button



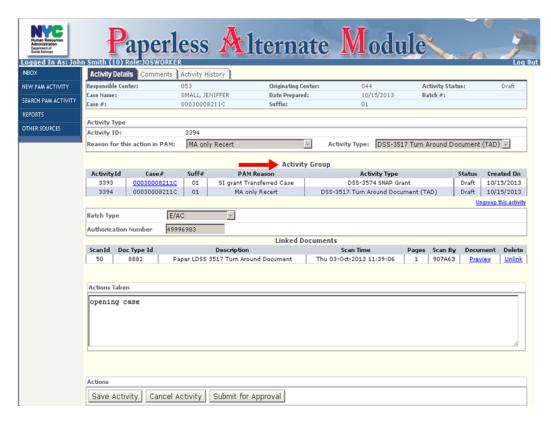
If other activities for a particular case were previously selected for grouping, they will be displayed in the list.



After selecting the group to associate the activity to, a confirmation pop-up window will open. Click **OK** to proceed.

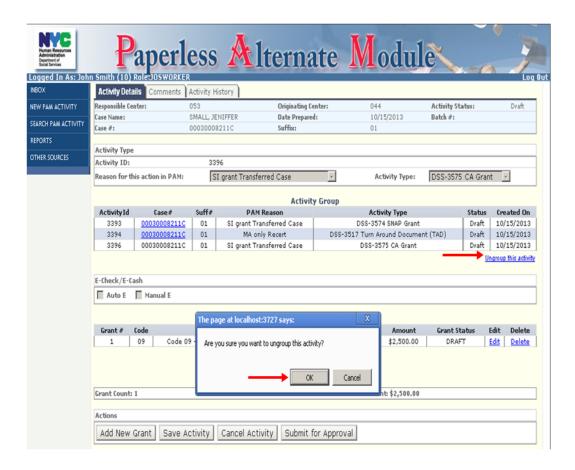


The **Activity Details** screen will now display the activity group for a selected case.

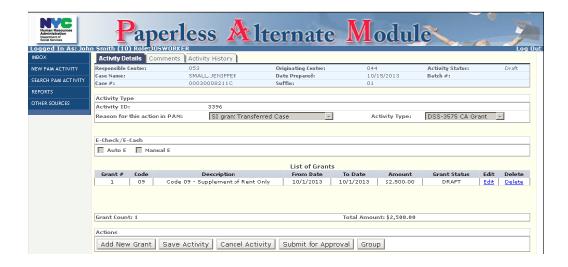


If it is determined that an activity was grouped in error, staff will also have the ability to ungroup an activity from a selected group. To unselect an activity from a group, from the **Activity Details** screen for a specific activity, click on the **Ungroup** link. A pop-up window will open asking the user to verify the ungrouping.

**Note**: If more than two activities are in a group, the remaining activities will remain in the group while the ungrouped activity will become its own individual activity.



After ungrouping the activity, it will be displayed in the **Activity Details** screen as an individual activity. Staff can continue to process the activity as needed.



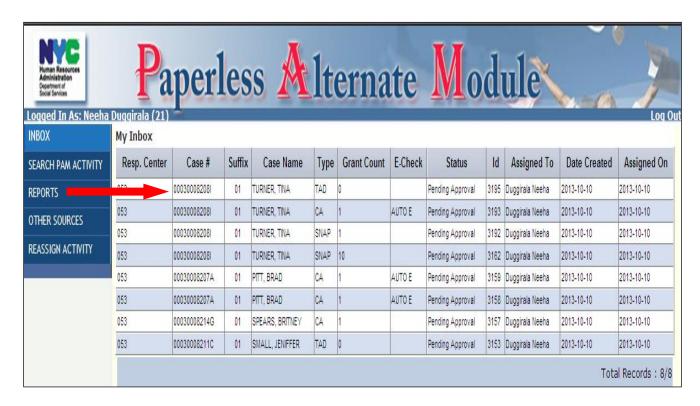
#### **Attachment C:** AJOS/Supervisor Screens

# **Grant Approvals**

After logging on, the **Supervisor's Inbox** will open with activities in **Pending Approval** status displaying.

Click on the case number (#) hyperlink to begin the approval process

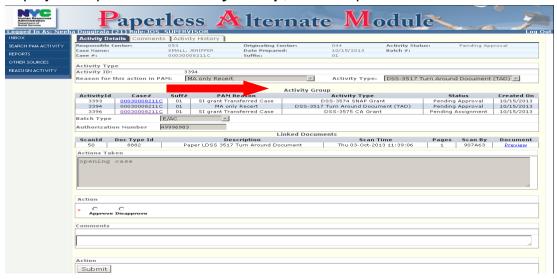
**Note**: The **Navigation Menu** will not have the **NEW PAM ACTIVITY** button as AJOS/Supervisors cannot initiate PAM activities.



#### **Attachment C:** AJOS/Supervisor Screens

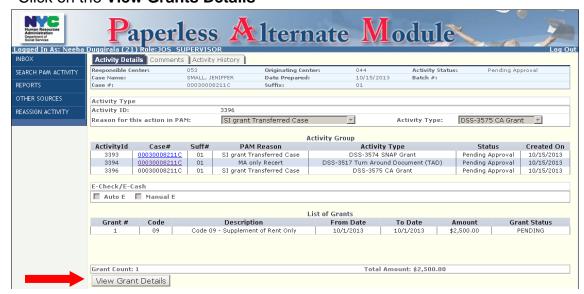
The PAM action associated with that case will open. If multiple actions are being taken on a case they will be identified as part of an **Activity Group**.

**Note**: Each activity in a group must be approved individually and will continue to be displayed as part of the **Activity Group**, with an updated status.



To begin the approval of a grant:

Click on the View Grants Details

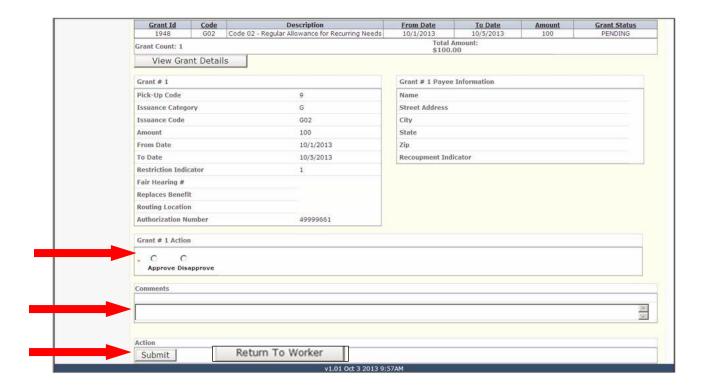


#### **Attachment C:** AJOS/Supervisor Screens

# The Grant Details Screen will open up:

- Review each grant and Approve or Disapprove
- Enter a comment into the **Comments Box**, indicating the decision
- If all associated grants are approved, click on the **Submit** button
- If any of the grants are disapproved, click on the **Return to Worker** button.

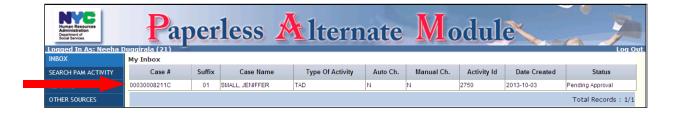
**Note**: The **Return to Worker** button will only appear if any grant is disapproved.



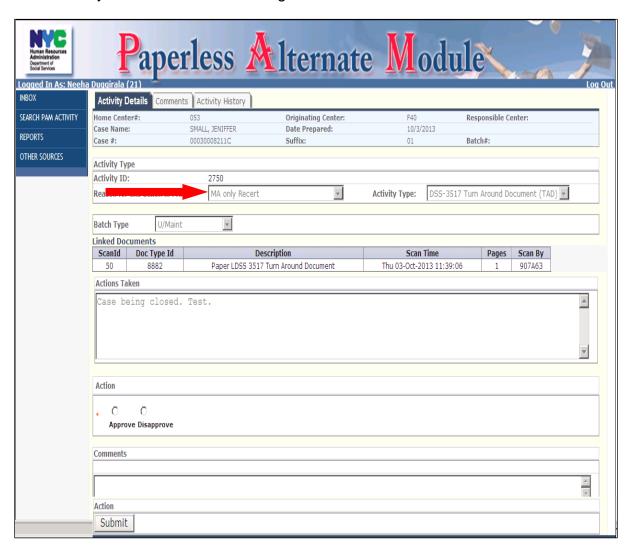
# **Approval of all other Data Entry Documents**

To approve any other Data Entry Documents:

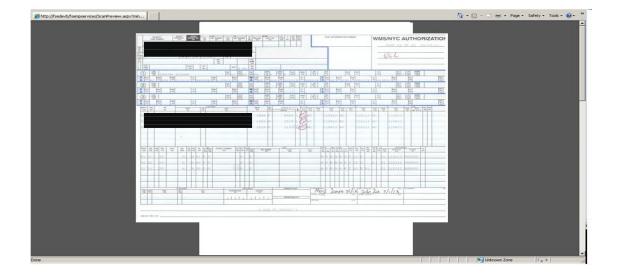
Click on the selected case number (#) hyperlink



Verify that the reason for taking the action outside of POS is valid



• Click the **Preview** link to view the attached PDF Document in the **Linked Documents Section** 



After reviewing the image:

• Select Approve or Disapprove



• Review the <u>JOS/Worker</u> notations in the **Actions Taken** text box



• Enter Supervisory Comments in the **Comments** box



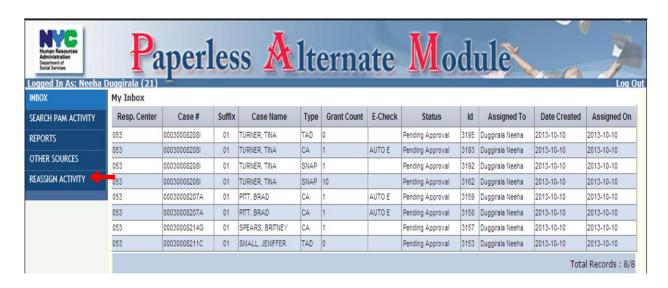
• Click on the **Submit** button to forward PAM Activity to the Data Entry Supervisor's **Inbox** 

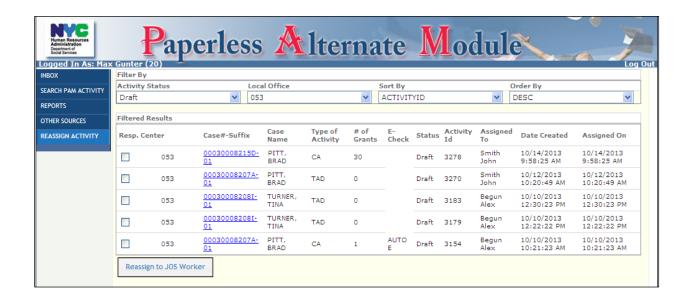


# **Reassign Activity**

To reassign an activity:

 Click on the REASSIGN link from the Left Navigation Menu to display the Reassign Grid



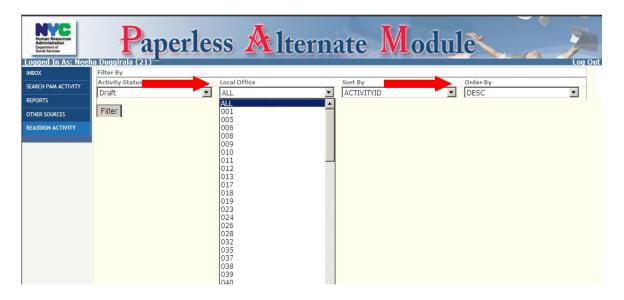


The **Reassign Grid** can be filtered by different variables and be displayed in either **Ascending** or **Descending** order:

## **Activity Status**



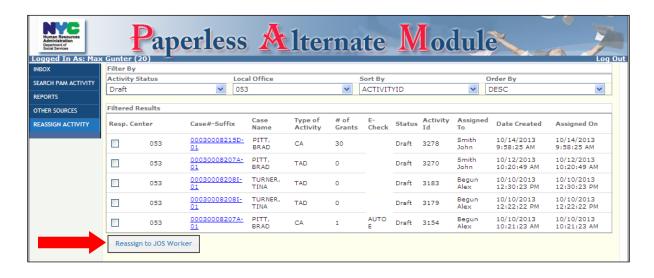
#### **Local Office**



## **Sort By**



Based on the **Activity Status**, either the **Reassign to JOS/Worker** or the **Reassign to Supervisor** button will be displayed.

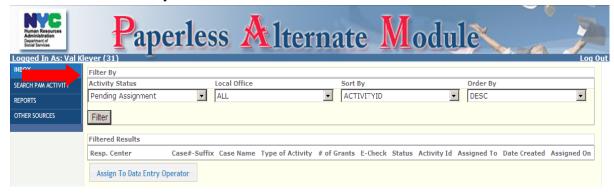


**Note:** All PAM Activities in **Draft**, **Returned by Data Entry** and **Returned by Supervisor** status can only be reassigned to a JOS/Worker. PAM Activities in **Pending Approval** status can only be reassigned to an AJOS/Supervisor.

#### **Attachment D:** Data Entry Supervisor Screens

After logging on, the **Data Entry Supervisor** inbox is displayed. The Data Entry (DE) Supervisor can filter activities by:

- Activity Status (Pending Assignment is the default)
- Local Office
- Sort By
- Order By



## **Assigning to Data Entry Operator**

Based on the filtered criteria (e.g. Pending Assignment):

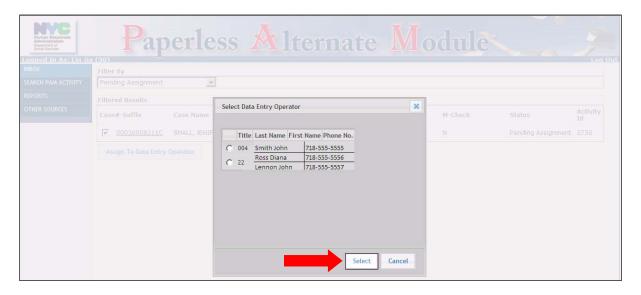
- Select the local office
- Select the cases for assigning to Data Entry Operator by checking off boxes
- Click on the Assign to Data Entry Operator button



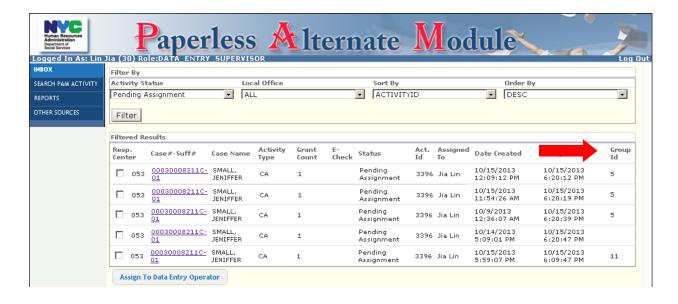
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### The **Select Data Entry Operator** window pops up:

- Select the appropriate DE Operator's name
- Click the **Select** button
- Click **OK** on the confirmation window pop-up to proceed



**Note**: If multiple activities have been identified as part of a group (indicated by the group ID), assign all activities in the group to the same Data Entry Operator, when possible.

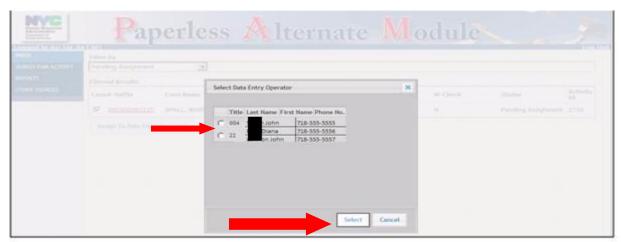


# Data Entry Supervisor's Other Responsibilities in PAM

If work needs to be reassigned from one Data Entry Operator to another:

- Filter the inbox to display the batches that are Pending Data Entry
- Select the batches to be reassigned
- Click on the Assign to Data Entry Operator Button to open Select Data Entry
   Operator screen
- Select appropriate Data Entry Operator
- Click the Select button
- Click **OK** on the confirmation pop-up to continue





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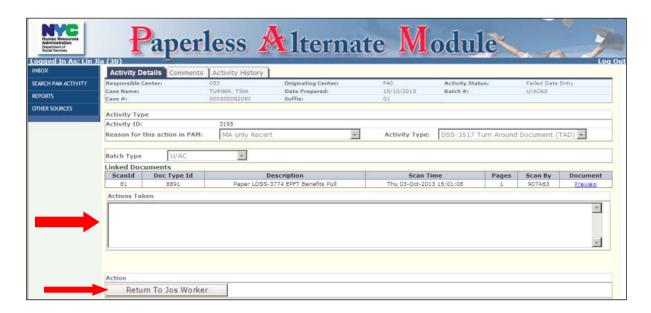
If Data Entry fails and work must be returned to the JOS/Worker:

- Filter the inbox to display activities in Failed Data Entry status
- Select the activities to be returned to the JOS/Worker



The Activity Details for that PAM activity will open:

- Enter comments into the Actions Taken box
- Click on the Return to JOS/Worker button

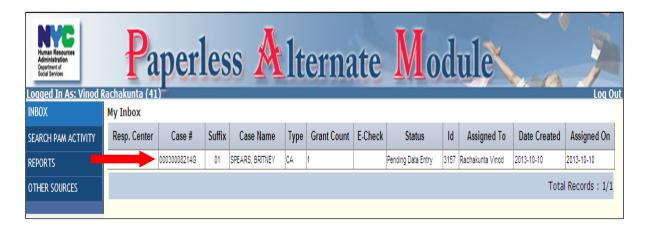


## **Grant Data Entry**

After logging on to PAM the Data Entry (DE) Operator's **Inbox** screen will open.

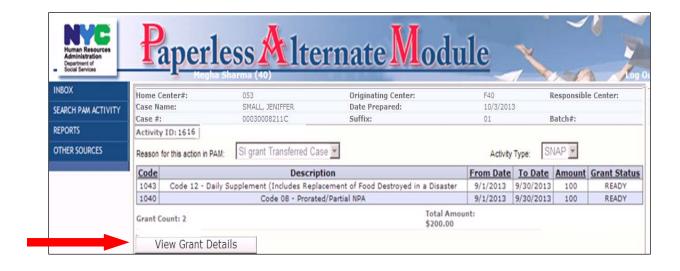
To start data entry activities:

Click on the case number (#) hyperlink



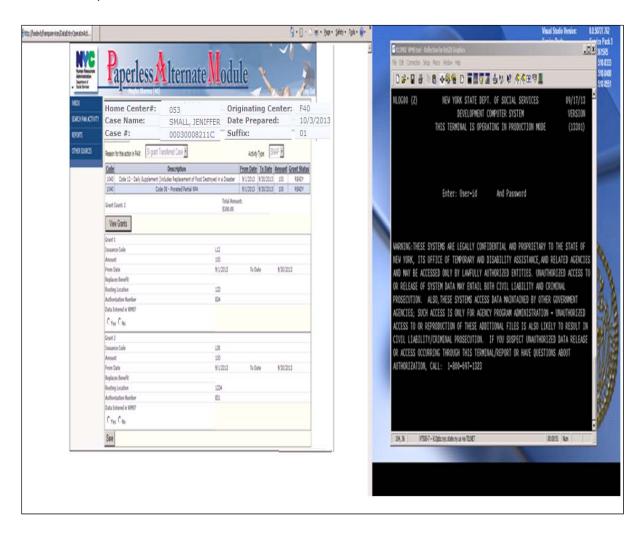
### The Activity Details Screen will open up:

Click on the View Grant Details button



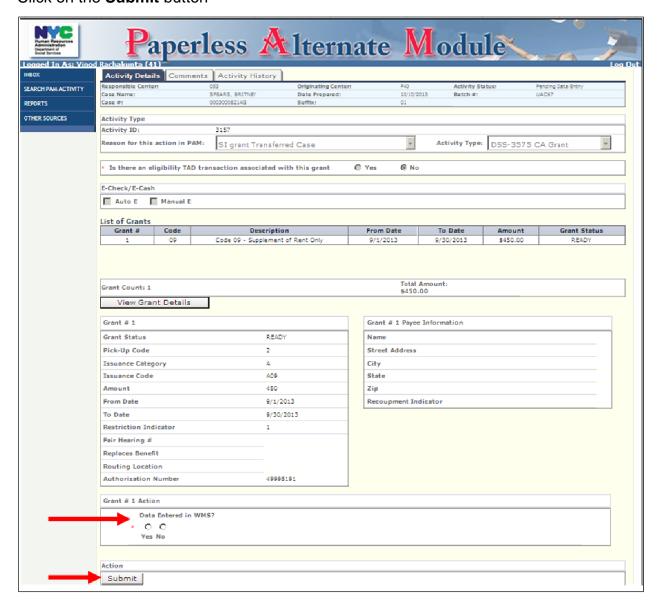
The grant information will be displayed:

 Data enter the information displayed in PAM into WMS (visible on the dual monitor)



#### For each grant:

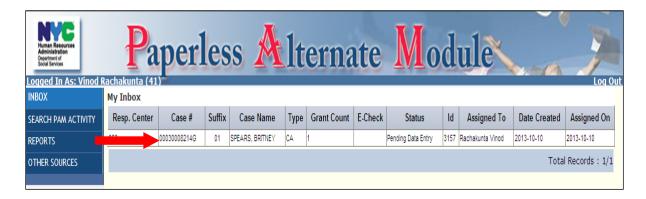
- Answer **Yes** or **No** for the **Data Entered in WMS**? question
- Click on the Submit button



## **All Other Data Entry**

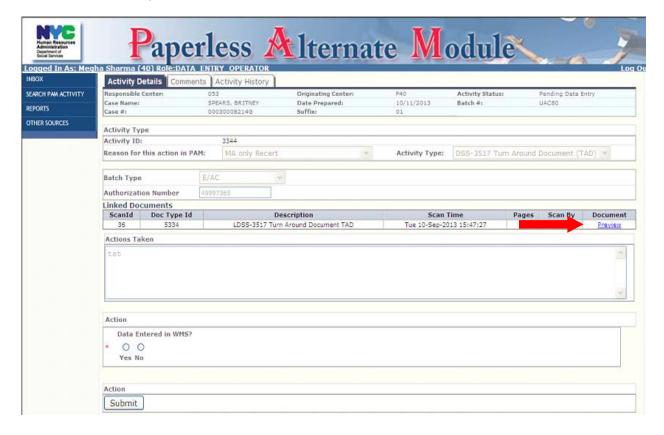
To start data entry activities:

Click on the case number (#) hyperlink

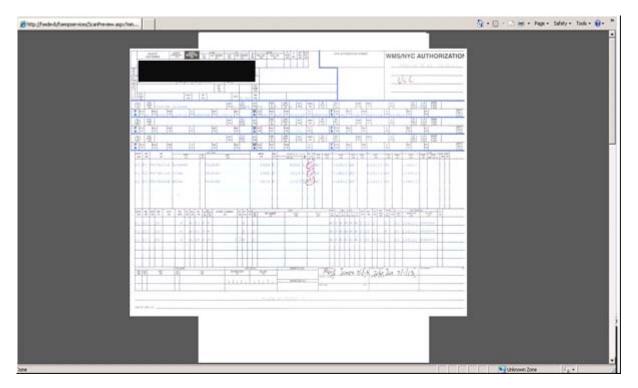


#### The Activity Details Screen will open up:

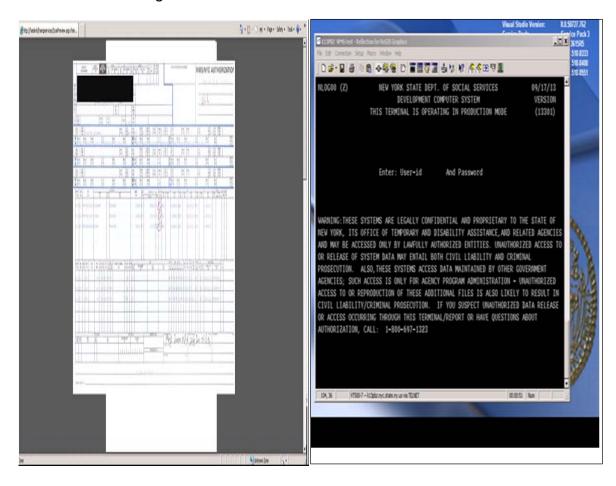
Click on the **Preview** link to open up an image of the Data Entry Document (TAD is being used as an example, but would apply to all non-grant related Data Entry Documents)



**Note**: Data Entry Operators will have the ability to zoom in and out the image to view all the requested changes and annotations.



• Data enter changes or annotations into WMS



- Close out the imaged document
- Answer Yes or No for the Data Entered in WMS question
- Click on the **Submit** button



### Attachment F: D&C Operator (CA Typist) Screens

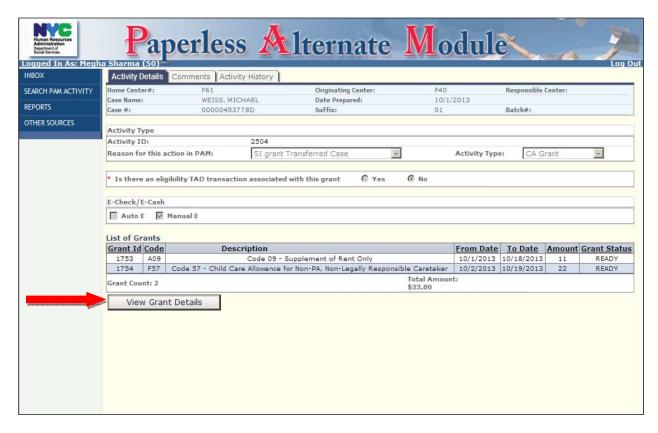
After logging on, the **D&C Operator's Inbox** Screen opens with activities in **Pending Issuance** status

• Click on the case number (#) hyperlink to begin the activity



### The Grant Details Screen opens

Click on the View Grant Details button to see the detailed grant information



## Attachment F: D&C Operator (CA Typist) Screens

## The Grant Details Screen opens

- Answer Yes or No to the Check Issued Question
- Issue the check and record the EPA Check number (for manual checks only)
- Click on the Submit button

