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## KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS250-13-3

### SUBJECT: FNM—Allowable Surcharge on Government Credit Cards

**Purpose.** To inform employees of surcharges now allowable by merchants accepting government charge/credit cards

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2014

Effective January 27, 2013, retailers are now allowed to impose a fee or surcharge when accepting General Services Administration (GSA) SmartPay and other government charge/credit cards including purchase, travel, and fleet cards. However, it is important to note that not all merchants will impose a surcharge, **nor** are surcharges allowed in all states.

Currently, the following states limit or do not allow surcharges: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, **Kansas**, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oklahoma, and Texas. If you, when using a GSA SmartPay card, are charged a fee in these states, please notify the appropriate card coordinator listed below. Customers are to be notified in advance if a surcharge will be added and you may then choose to use another merchant. **When using a merchant/vendor that does have a surcharge, the surcharge/fee must be included on the receipt provided to you for reimbursement purposes.**

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