

Report Summary

Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General

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Objective

To report internal control weaknesses, noncompliance issues, and unallowable costs identified in the single audit to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for resolution action.

Background

BDO Seidman, LLP performed the single audit of the Government of the District of Columbia and KPMG, LLP performed the single audit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. SSA is responsible for resolving single audit findings related to its Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs. The Department of Disability Services (Department) is the District of Columbia Disability Determination Services' (DDS) parent agency and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) is the Massachusetts DDS' parent agency.

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http://www.ssa.gov/oig/ADO_BEPDF/A-77-11-00003.pdf

http://www.ssa.gov/oig/ADO_BEPDF/A-77-11-00004.pdf

Management Advisory Reports: Single Audits of the Government of the District of Columbia for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2009 (A-77-11-00003) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 (A-77-10-00004)

Our Findings

The single audit of the Government of the District of Columbia reported that the Department (1) did not maintain documentation that vendors were verified through the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) for possible debarment or suspension, and (2) understated overtime hours reported on the Time Report of Personnel Services (Form SSA-4514).

The single audit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts reported that some DDS employee timesheets did not have the required supervisory approval signature. Accordingly, there was no assurance that DDS payroll expenditures totaling \$12,772 were accurately charged to SSA.

Our Recommendations

For the Government of the District of Columbia, we recommend that SSA (1) ensure the Department maintains documentation supporting EPLS verifications and (2) verify the Department establishes procedures to ensure the accuracy of the Form SSA-4514.

For the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we recommend that SSA (1) ensure MRC implemented appropriate policies and procedures for supervisory review of DDS employee timesheets, and (2) determine if the \$12,772 in DDS payroll expenditures were appropriate and, if not, request a refund of the unallowable costs.