

**Single Audit of the State of Tennessee for the Fiscal Year
Ended June 30, 2019
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Office of Audit Report Summary

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

A single audit is an organization-wide financial statement and Federal awards audit of a non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more in Federal funds in 1 year. It is intended to assure the Government that a non-Federal entity has adequate internal controls in place and is generally complying with program requirements. Non-Federal entities typically include State and local governments, Indian tribes, universities, and nonprofit organizations.

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury conducted the single audit of the State of Tennessee. SSA is responsible for resolving single audit findings related to its disability programs. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is the Tennessee Disability Determination Services' parent agency.

Finding

The single audit reported the Tennessee DHS did not document management's confirmation that staff conducted the required licensure and credential verifications of consultative examination providers. The corrective action plan indicated DHS did not concur with the audit finding. DHS stated that staff monitors consultative examination provider licensing and credentialing, in compliance with SSA policy, and tracks results with internal tracking tools.

Recommendation

We recommend SSA confirm that DHS' procedures for consultative examination provider licensure and credential verifications are in accordance with SSA policy.