

Single Audit of the New Mexico Public Education Department for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 A-77-21-00003



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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 in compliance with program requirements.

Non-Federal entities typically include State and local governments, Indian tribes, universities, and nonprofit organizations.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP conducted the single audit of the New Mexico Public Education Department. SSA is responsible for resolving single audit findings related to New Mexico Disability Determination Services (DDS), which performs disability determinations under SSA's Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Public Education Department is New Mexico DDS' parent agency.

Findings

The single audit reported New Mexico DDS did not

- have adequate controls to ensure it submits financial reports timely when the responsible person is unavailable or
- always maintain documentation of medical license verifications.

Recommendations

We recommend SSA verify New Mexico DDS:

1. Cross-trained employees to ensure the timely submission of financial reports.
2. Established an appropriate process to maintain and document medical license verifications.