Financial Statements
June 30, 2014
Together with Independent Auditor's Report

Submitted by

THE AUDITOR STATE OF HAWAII



## A Hawaii Limited Liability Partnership

March 20, 2015

Ms. Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor Office of the Auditor State of Hawaii

Dear Ms. Yamane:

This is our report on the financial audit of the Department of Human Services of the State of Hawaii (DHS) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Our audit was performed in accordance with the terms of our contract with the State of Hawaii and with the requirements of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Government Auditing Standards*, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT**

The primary purpose of our audit was to form an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the DHS's basic financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and to comply with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. The objectives of the audit were as follows:

- 1. To provide a basis for an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the DHS's basic financial statements.
- To determine whether expenditures and other disbursements have been made and all revenues and other receipts to which the DHS is entitled have been collected and accounted for in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures of the State of Hawaii and the federal government.
- 3. To determine whether the DHS has established sufficient internal controls to properly manage federal financial assistance programs and to comply with the applicable laws and regulations.
- 4. To determine whether the DHS has complied with the laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the basic financial statements and on its major federal financial assistance programs.

### **SCOPE OF THE AUDIT**

Our audit was performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133. The scope of our audit included an examination of the transactions and accounting records of the DHS as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE REPORT

This report is presented in five parts as follows:

- Part I The basic financial statements and related notes of the DHS as
  of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and our opinion
  on the basic financial statements.
- Part II Our report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance.
- Part III Our report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and internal control over compliance.
- Part IV The schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- Part V The summary schedule of prior audit findings.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent cooperation and assistance extended by the officers and staff of the DHS.

Sincerely,

Wilcox Choy Partner

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## **PART I**

## FINANCIAL SECTION



## A Hawaii Limited Liability Partnership

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Office of the Auditor State of Hawaii

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Department of Human Services of the State of Hawaii (DHS), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the DHS's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's

internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DHS, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 9 through 19 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the DHS's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by the Office of Management and Budget and Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2014 on our consideration of the DHS's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the DHS's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KMH LLP

KMH LLP

Honolulu, Hawaii March 20, 2015

Management Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2014

This discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Department of Human Services (DHS) provides an overview of the financial activities of the DHS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion is to allow management to provide an objective and easily readable analysis of the financial activities of the DHS based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements and other supplementary information.

### OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements of the DHS. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements.

### Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad overview of the finances of the DHS using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses. It provides both long-term and short-term information about the overall financial status of the DHS.

The statement of net position includes all of the assets and liabilities of the DHS, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement is similar to that of the balance sheet of a private-sector business. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the DHS is improving or deteriorating. This statement also provides information on how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The statement of activities presents information showing how net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported using the accrual method of accounting, similar to the method used by most private-sector businesses. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are reported when the goods or services are received, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The activities of the DHS are principally supported by appropriations made available by the State Legislature and intergovernmental revenues from the federal government (governmental activities). The DHS does not recover any portion of its costs through user fees or charges for services (business-type activities).

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### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The DHS uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the DHS are divided between either governmental funds or fiduciary funds. Governmental funds are used to account for most, if not all, of a government entity's tax-supported activities. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources that are held by a government entity as a trustee or agent for parties outside of the government entity. The resources of fiduciary funds cannot be used to support the government entity's own programs.

The fund financial statements of the DHS include the following types of funds:

Governmental funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government entity's near-term financing requirements. By comparing the governmental fund and government-wide financial statements, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the entity's near-term financing decisions. In order to facilitate a comparison between the governmental fund and government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation between the two is provided following each governmental fund financial statements.

**Fiduciary funds** - The fiduciary funds of the DHS consists of agency funds which are clearing accounts for assets held by the DHS in its role as custodian until the funds are allocated to the individuals, private organizations, or government agencies to which they belong. These activities are excluded from the government-wide financial statements of the DHS because the DHS cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

### Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following table presents a condensed government-wide statement of net position of the DHS as of June 30, 2014 and 2013.

### **Condensed Statement of Net Position**

2014	2013
\$ 308,606,903	\$ 239,269,500
105,629,277	60,897,413
\$ 414,236,180	\$ 300,166,913
\$ 279,493,727	\$ 246,924,188
9,308,849	11,874,001
288,802,576	258,798,189
105,629,277	60,897,413
-	1,948,550
19,804,327	(21,477,239)
125,433,604	41,368,724
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As noted earlier, an analysis of net position over time may be a useful indicator of whether a government entity's financial condition is growing stronger or weakening. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the combined net position of the DHS increased by approximately \$84 million.

The unrestricted net position of the DHS was approximately \$19.8 million as of June 30, 2014. The largest liabilities as of June 30, 2014, are the federal expenditures incurred but not yet reimbursed by the federal government as of June 30, 2014 and the estimated amount of medical assistance service provided as of June 30, 2014, for which the related claims and capitation fees will be processed and paid subsequent to June 30, 2014. For the unreimbursed federal expenses as of June 30, 2014 of \$92.2 million, the majority is an adjustment to the federal grant award for the medical assistance program, of which \$70 million was received after June 30, 2014. Of the estimated \$124.9 million of medical assistance payable, the State's share of these costs is approximately \$49 million. The estimated federal share of these costs to be paid in the future was recorded as intergovernmental revenues in the current fiscal year and is included in the balance due from other governments. In addition to the estimated medical assistance payable, the liability for compensated absences totaling approximately \$14.9 million as of June 30, 2014, is not funded by state allotments until the employee uses the earned leave or is paid out upon termination. Therefore, there are no assets currently available to the DHS to pay for these liabilities as of June 30, 2014.

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The DHS reported a total of approximately \$105.6 million in net position invested in capital assets as of June 30, 2014. Although the DHS is not the legal owner of the state buildings that are reported as part of its capital assets, the portion of the state facilities used by the DHS are required to be reported as part of its capital assets. The DHS uses these capital assets to provide services; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending and the related annual depreciation expense of the cost of these facilities is included in the statement of activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

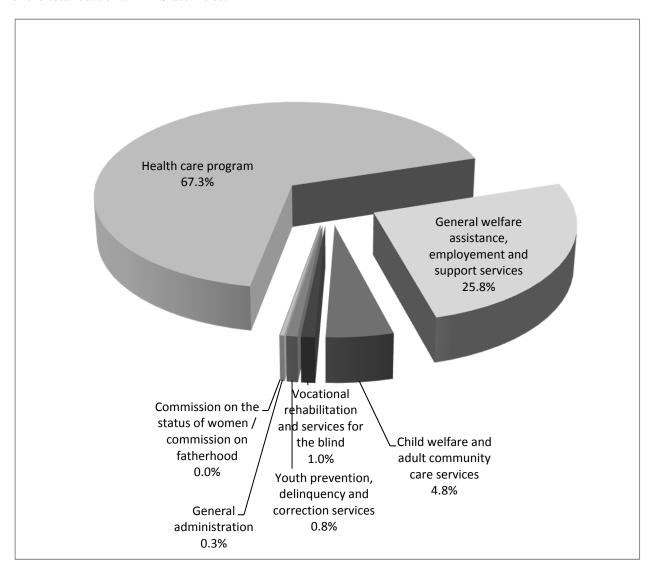
The changes in the net position of the DHS from governmental activities are summarized below. The DHS directs its resources towards assisting people to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, medical care and other essentials for daily living. As such, the DHS does not conduct business-type activities and the accompanying analysis of the changes in net position focuses on the cost of services and who provides the funds to pay for the costs.

## **Changes in Net Position**

	2014	2013	Percent Change
Revenues:	2011	2013	<u></u>
Program revenues	\$ 1,919,301,405	\$ 1,676,355,166	14.49%
General revenues	1,137,749,990	1,124,231,705	1.20%
Capital grants and contributions	2,613,545		100.00%
Total revenues	3,059,664,940	2,800,586,871	9.25%
Expenses:			
Health care programs	2,002,861,574	1,862,055,632	7.56%
General welfare assistance, employment			
and support services	768,511,941	742,090,442	3.56%
Child welfare and adult community			
care services	143,769,644	144,836,589	(0.74)%
Vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind	28,879,925	26,755,377	7.94%
Youth prevention, delinquency and			
correction services	21,736,835	22,693,332	(4.21)%
General administration	9,444,261	9,508,710	(0.68)%
Commission on the status of women /			
commission on fatherhood	151,377	144,806	4.54%
Total expenses	2,975,355,557	2,808,084,888	5.96%
Change in net position, before transfers	\$ 84,309,383	\$ (7,498,017)	

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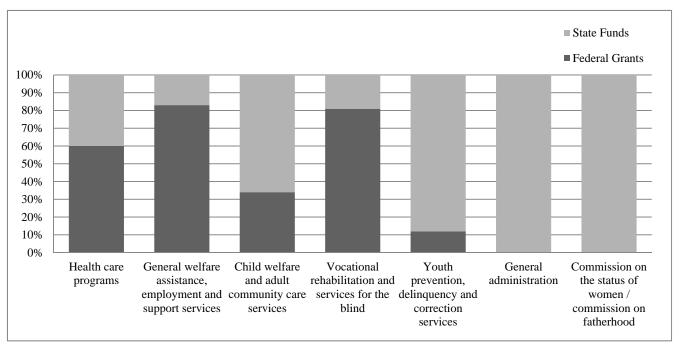
The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$2.9 billion, a 5.96% increase from the prior fiscal year. Health care and general welfare assistance programs comprised 67.3% and 25.8%, respectively, of the total costs. The following chart presents each major activity as a percent of the total cost of all DHS activities:



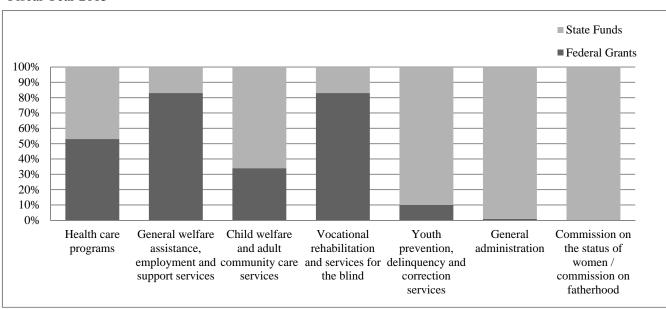
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Program revenues consist primarily of operating grants from the federal government. Revenues from these federal grants paid for 64.6% of the cost of all the DHS's activities. The following chart presents the percentage of costs funded by federal grants for each major activity of the DHS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

Fiscal Year 2014



Fiscal Year 2013



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### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As noted earlier, the DHS uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The DHS has two governmental fund types; the general fund and special revenue funds. The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. In general, operating grants the DHS receives from the federal government are accounted for in the special revenue funds and all allotments of state funds are accounted for in the general fund along with any other resources available to the DHS that are not accounted for in the special revenue funds.

Total expenditures reported on an accrual basis increased by \$178 million over the prior fiscal year. This increase is primarily related to health care program costs and general welfare assistance, employment and support services costs administered by the DHS which have increased by approximately \$150 million or 7.36% and \$27 million or 3.48%, respectively. For the health care program, medical assistance increased due to a change in eligibility criteria and a rise in client enrollment. The increase in the costs for the general welfare assistance, employment and support service programs is due to the change in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility criteria, benefit levels and an increase in SNAP clients for fiscal year 2014.

At June 30, 2014, the total governmental fund balance of the DHS consisted of committed, and assigned fund balance of approximately, \$2.7 million, and \$32 million, respectively. The committed fund balance of the special revenue funds totaling \$2.7 million is principally the result of amounts that are limited by the state law for specific use.

The following table presents total revenues and expenditures of the governmental funds of the DHS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

 2014	2013	Percent Change
\$ 1,115,957,513	\$ 1,104,483,790	1.04%
1,919,301,405	1,676,355,166	14.49%
 21,792,477	19,747,915	10.35%
\$ 3,057,051,395	\$ 2,800,586,871	9.16%
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	2014			2013	Percent Change
Expenditures:					
Health care programs	\$	2,046,519,829	\$	1,895,933,439	7.94%
General welfare assistance, employment					
and support services		767,980,772		741,234,762	3.61%
Child welfare and adult community					
care services		144,145,143		144,444,717	(0.21)%
Vocational rehabilitation and services					
for the blind		28,777,156		26,639,465	8.02%
Youth prevention, delinquency and					
correction services		20,426,066		21,973,703	(7.04)%
General administration		10,419,396		9,622,295	8.28%
Commission on the status of women /					
commission on fatherhood		155,666		138,312	12.55%
Total	\$	3,018,424,028	\$	2,839,986,693	6.28%

## **BUDGETARY ANALYSIS**

As required by Section 37-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the DHS prepares a budget that becomes legally adopted when the State Legislature approves the executive budget with the enactment of an appropriations act. A comparison and analysis of the general fund is presented below as additional financial information:

			Actual on Budgetary	Variance Favorable
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Basis	(Unfavorable)
Health care programs	\$ 940,113,386	\$ 934,792,922	\$ 909,243,191	\$25,549,731
General welfare assistance,				
employment and support services	138,688,066	138,971,346	134,567,001	4,404,345
Child welfare and adult community				
care services	95,958,687	95,724,030	91,368,565	4,355,465
Youth prevention, delinquency				
and correction services	19,053,483	19,475,360	17,841,986	1,633,374
General administration	7,809,652	8,000,124	7,999,899	225
Vocational rehabilitation and				
services for the blind	4,459,129	4,547,771	4,505,811	41,960
Commission on the status of				
women/commission on fatherhood	158,547	162,011	141,461	20,550
	\$ 1,206,240,950	\$ 1,201,673,564	\$1,165,667,914	\$36,005,650

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The differences between the original and final budget for the individual programs is mainly due to a reduction of appropriation by legislative adjustment through the budget bill.

The majority of the savings for the health care programs were due to the late receipt of reimbursements. Because the reimbursements were received after the fiscal year ended, the program was not able to utilize the funds. The health care program also had a change in their certification process, resulting in a savings for fiscal year 2014. The amounts expended in comparison to the amount budgeted appears favorable.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of June 30, 2014 and 2013, the cost basis of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used by the DHS are presented in the table below. Approximately \$43.8 million of capital assets were added in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The increase in capital assets is due to the completion of the system upgrade for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), \$78.1 million, and the adjustment to delete last fiscal year's ACA system upgrade amount of \$34.3 million that was under development in fiscal year 2013. Annual depreciation totaling approximately \$10 million decreased the net cost basis during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

## **Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation**

	2014	2013
Depreciable Assets:		
State office buildings and improvements	\$ 15,534,759	\$ 13,798,199
Building and improvements for the Office of		
Youth Services	11,338,960	12,149,115
Intangible assets - software	78,116,086	
Total buildings and improvements	104,989,805	25,947,314
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	639,464	617,263
Non-depreciable Assets:		
Land	6	6
Software under development		34,332,830
Total	\$105,629,275	\$ 60,897,413

In addition to the capital assets listed above, the DHS leases numerous office facilities from third-party lessors under operating lease arrangements. Those leases for additional space beyond the state facilities listed above as buildings and improvements are necessary to provide program services throughout the State.

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### **ECONOMIC FACTORS**

There was a decrease in average monthly financial assistance caseload from state fiscal year 2013 to 2014, from 16,722 to 15,590 respectively. This was a decrease of 1,132 cases for the period ending June 2014. The number of individuals receiving financial assistance decreased during this period. In June 2013, a total of 33,283 individuals in Hawaii were receiving financial assistance as compared to 30,841 in June 2014, a decline of 2,442. This -7.3% decline follows a -5.6% decrease last year. Economic recovery appears to be the most significant factor contributing to the downward trend in the number of individuals receiving financial assistance in Hawaii.

Over the most recent 2014 fiscal year, the average number of individuals in Hawaii receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamp Program, benefits was 193,565. This was an increase of about 3.5% over the previous fiscal year. As mentioned in last year's discussion, federal SNAP eligibility requirements were broadened which allowed more individuals to qualify for SNAP benefits, even in an improving economy. For Hawaii, these broadened requirements include no limit on assets for SNAP-eligible households and raising the dollar limits on households' gross monthly income to 185% of the federal poverty level. Although SNAP participation continues to increase, policy changes at the federal level could impact participation rates in the future.



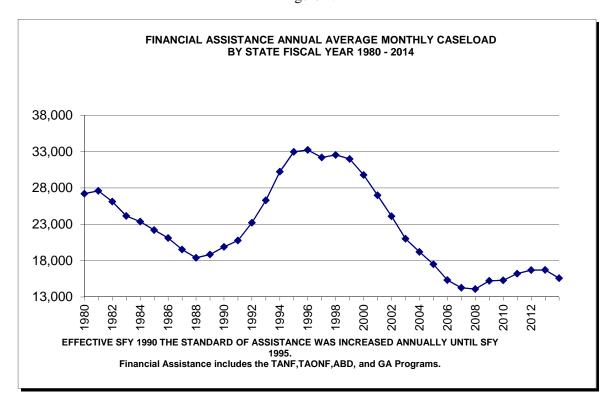


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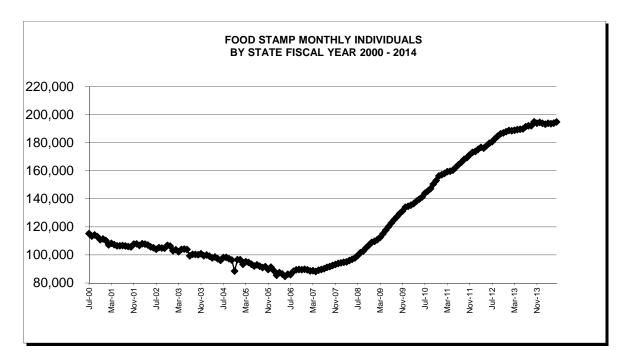
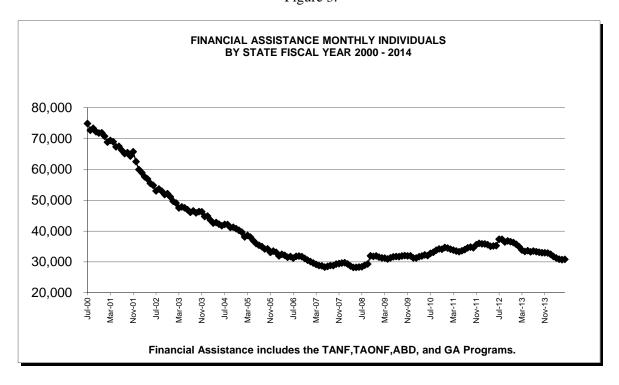


Figure 3.



Statement of Net Position June 30, 2014

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Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables Due from Other Governments	\$ 146,957,964 81,332,378 80,316,561
Total current assets  Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation  Total assets	308,606,903 105,629,277 \$ 414,236,180
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Vouchers Payable Accrued Wages and Employee Benefits Payable Due to State General Fund Accrued Medical Assistance Payable Accrued Compensated Absences	\$ 20,872,642 7,909,834 120,237,125 124,927,126 5,547,000
Total current liabilities	279,493,727
Accrued Compensated Absences, Less Current Portion Total liabilities	9,308,849 288,802,576
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted	105,629,277 19,804,327
Total net position	125,433,604
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 414,236,180

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

			Program Revenues						
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Charges for Services		erating Grants and contributions		pital Grants Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities:		_							
Health care programs	\$	2,002,861,574	\$	-	\$	1,208,425,372	\$	2,613,545	\$ (791,822,657)
General welfare assistance, employment and support services		768,511,941		-		635,716,338		-	(132,795,603)
Child welfare and adult community care services		143,769,644		-		49,166,733		-	(94,602,911)
Vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind		28,879,925		-		23,366,177		-	(5,513,748)
Youth prevention, delinquency and correction services		21,736,835		-		2,626,785		-	(19,110,050)
General administration		9,444,261		-		-		-	(9,444,261)
Commission on the status of women / commission on fatherhood		151,377							 (151,377)
Total governmental activities	\$	2,975,355,557	\$		\$	1,919,301,405	\$	2,613,545	\$ (1,053,440,607)
	Gen	eral Revenues:							
	St	tate allotments, ne	t of lap	sed appropriatio	ons				\$ 1,115,957,513
	N	onimposed emplo	yee fri	nge benefits					 21,792,477
	To	otal general reven	ues						 1,137,749,990
	Tı	ransfers							(244,503)
		Change in net p	ositio	1					84,064,880
	Net	t Position at June	e 30, 20	)13					41,368,724
	Net	t Position at June	e 30, 20	)14					\$ 125,433,604

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds June 30, 2014

	General		Med-QUEST Special Revenue Fund		uman Services ecial Revenue Fund	 Total
ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,263,453	\$	14,440,193	\$	52,254,318	\$ 146,957,964
Receivables	16,228,792		64,095,614		1,007,972	81,332,378
Due from other funds	117,488,534		-		-	117,488,534
Due from other governments	 -		96,397,035		-	 96,397,035
Total assets	\$ 213,980,779	\$	174,932,842	\$	53,262,290	\$ 442,175,911
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES:						
Vouchers payable	\$ 7,676,377	\$	3,558,671	\$	9,637,594	\$ 20,872,642
Accrued wages and						
employee benefits payable	5,084,386		568,923		2,256,525	7,909,834
Due to other funds	-		94,893,860		22,594,674	117,488,534
Due to other governments	-		-		16,080,474	16,080,474
Due to State general fund	120,237,125		-		-	120,237,125
Accrued medical assistance payable	49,015,738		75,911,388			 124,927,126
Total liabilities	 182,013,626		174,932,842		50,569,267	 407,515,735
FUND BALANCES:						
Committed	-		-		2,693,023	2,693,023
Assigned	 31,967,153		-			 31,967,153
Total fund balances	 31,967,153				2,693,023	 34,660,176
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 213,980,779	\$	174,932,842	\$	53,262,290	\$ 442,175,911

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2014

### **Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**

\$ 34,660,176

# Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

## Capital assets:

Governmental capital assets	177,324,559	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(71,695,282)	105,629,277

Accrued compensated absences are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

(14,855,849)

### **Net Position of Governmental Activities**

\$ 125,433,604

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	General	Med-Quest Special Revenue Fund	Human Services Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES:				
State-allotted appropriations	\$ 1,115,957,513	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,115,957,513
Intergovernmental	-	1,208,425,372	710,876,033	1,919,301,405
Nonimposed employee fringe benefits	21,792,477			21,792,477
	1,137,749,990	1,208,425,372	710,876,033	3,057,051,395
EXPENDITURES:				
Health care programs	838,094,457	1,208,425,372	-	2,046,519,829
General welfare assistance,				
employment and support services	132,241,645	-	635,739,127	767,980,772
Child welfare and adult community				
care services	95,450,735	-	48,694,408	144,145,143
Vocational rehabilitation and				
services for the blind	5,707,839	-	23,069,317	28,777,156
Youth prevention, delinquency and				
correction services	17,799,961	-	2,626,105	20,426,066
General administration	10,416,793	-	2,603	10,419,396
Commission on the status of women /				
commission on fatherhood	155,666			155,666
	1,099,867,096	1,208,425,372	710,131,560	3,018,424,028
EXCESS OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	37,882,894	-	744,473	38,627,367
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
TRANSFERS OUT	(244,503)			(244,503)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	37,638,391	-	744,473	38,382,864
FUND BALANCES AT JULY 1, 2013	(5,671,238)		1,948,550	(3,722,688)
FUND BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2014	\$ 31,967,153	\$ -	\$ 2,693,023	\$ 34,660,176

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

## **Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds**

\$ 38,382,864

# Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are Different Because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Expenditures for capital assets  Add current year depreciation, amortization and other changes	52,814,648 (10,696,329)	42,118,319
Net capital asset transfers received from other State departments		
that are not recorded in the governmental funds.		2,613,545
Change in long-term compensated absences reported in the		
statement of activities do not require the use of current		
financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as		
expenditures in governmental funds.		950,152
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		\$ 84,064,880

General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original	Final	Actual on Budgetary Basis	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
State allotments	\$ 1,206,240,950	\$ 1,201,673,564	\$ 1,181,655,701	\$ (20,017,863)
EXPENDITURES:				
Health care programs	940,113,386	934,792,922	909,243,191	25,549,731
General welfare assistance,				
employment and support services	138,688,066	138,971,346	134,567,001	4,404,345
Child welfare and adult community				
care services	95,958,687	95,724,030	91,368,565	4,355,465
Youth prevention, delinquency				
and correction services	19,053,483	19,475,360	17,841,986	1,633,374
General administration	7,809,652	8,000,124	7,999,899	225
Vocational rehabilitation and services				
for the blind	4,459,129	4,547,771	4,505,811	41,960
Commission on the status of women /				
commission on fatherhood	158,547	162,011	141,461	20,550
	1,206,240,950	1,201,673,564	1,165,667,914	36,005,650
Excess of revenues over				
expenditures		<del>-</del>	15,987,787	15,987,787
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
TRANSFERS OUT			(244,504)	(244,504)
			(244,504)	(244,504)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND				
OTHER SOURCES OVER				
EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,743,283	\$ 15,743,283

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Special Revenue Funds Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

			Actual on Budgetary Basis		
	Original	Final	Med-QUEST Special Revenue Fund	Human Services Special Revenue Fund	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues:					
Med-QUEST	\$ 1,168,206,186	\$ 1,168,206,186	\$ 1,170,672,554	\$ -	\$ 2,466,368
Human services	334,552,073	334,552,073		195,562,061	(138,990,012)
	1,502,758,259	1,502,758,259	1,170,672,554	195,562,061	(136,523,644)
EXPENDITURES:					
Health care programs	1,168,206,186	1,168,206,186	1,136,068,382	-	32,137,804
General welfare assistance,					
employment and support services	212,822,211	212,822,211	-	95,799,901	117,022,310
Child welfare and adult community					
care services	68,460,312	68,460,312	-	41,789,654	26,670,658
Vocational rehabilitation and services					
for the blind	46,999,968	46,999,968	-	21,033,717	25,966,251
Youth prevention, delinquency					
and correction services	3,710,781	3,710,781	-	2,975,346	735,435
General administration	2,558,801	2,558,801			2,558,801
	1,502,758,259	1,502,758,259	1,136,068,382	161,598,618	205,091,259
Excess of revenues over					
expenditures		-	34,604,172	33,963,443	68,567,615
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER					
SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,604,172	\$ 33,963,443	\$ 68,567,615

Fiduciary Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets June 30, 2014

			Private pose Trust
	Agency Fund	]	Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,133,102	\$	69,680
Total assets	\$ 2,133,102	\$	69,680
LIABILITIES:			
Due to individuals	\$ 1,029,677	\$	-
Due to others	1,103,425		
Total liabilities	\$ 2,133,102		-
NET ASSETS - HELD IN TRUST		\$	69,680

Fiduciary Funds Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets June 30, 2014

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions	
Donations	\$ 11,000
Total additions	11,000
<b>Deductions</b>	
Other	7,255
Total deductions	7,255
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	3,745
NET ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2013	65,935
NET ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2014	\$ 69,680

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### 1. Financial Reporting Entity

The Hawaii State Government Reorganization Act of 1959 (Act 1, Second Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1959) created the Department of Social Services and Housing. In 1987, the name was changed to the Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS's mission is to direct its resources toward protecting and helping those least able to care for themselves and to provide services designed toward achieving self-sufficiency for clients as quickly as possible. The DHS is committed to maintaining a high level of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in its services.

The DHS is part of the executive branch of the State of Hawaii (State). The DHS's basic financial statements reflect only its portion of the fund type categories. The State Comptroller maintains the central accounts for all state funds and publishes financial statements for the State annually which includes the DHS's financial activities.

The accompanying basic financial statements reflect the financial position and results of operations of the following activities of the DHS:

Health Care Programs: The Med-QUEST Division administers the State's Medicaid program through which healthcare is provided to the low-income population. The Medicaid program is jointly financed by the State and the federal government. The Division develops and maintains working relationships with health plans, providers, federal and state authorities, community agencies, client advocacy groups, and others. Healthcare coverage is provided through either fee-for-service payments to healthcare providers or contracts with managed care health plans. The State's Children Health Insurance Program was established to expand health coverage to more children whose families may be working but do not earn enough to pay for health coverage for their children. The Division's operations are reported in the general, special revenue, and agency funds.

General Welfare Assistance, Employment and Support Services: The Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division provides monthly benefits to assist eligible clients with such essentials as food, clothing, shelter, emergency assistance, child care, and work support, as well as employment and training to help families attain self-sufficiency. Cash benefits are provided to individuals and families through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Temporary Assistance to Other Needy Families, General Assistance, and Assistance to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled programs, as well as the Low Income Home Energy Program and Child Care Connection Hawaii. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - formerly known

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### 1. Financial Reporting Entity (continued)

as the Food Stamp Program, helps to ensure that no one goes hungry. The First-To-Work, Employment and Empowerment Hawaii Work programs provide job readiness, job development, job placement, case management, and other supportive services to ensure that families on public welfare are adequately prepared to end dependency, as well as providing a variety of at-risk youth and family strengthening programs to prevent family dependence. In 2011, the state homeless programs previously administered by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, was transferred to the Division. The Division's operations are reported in the general, special revenue, and agency funds.

Child Welfare and Adult Community Care Services: The Social Services Division provides social services programs to ensure the health and safety of those least able to protect themselves from abuse and neglect. The Child Welfare Services (CWS) program provides services to ensure the safety and permanency of children in their own homes or, when necessary, in out-of-home placements. The program is community-based and neighbor-focused with many partnerships and collaborations with the private and public sectors. Services are focused on empowering families and building upon family strengths. When children cannot be safely returned to their family, the CWS program proceeds with permanent placement through adoption, legal guardianship, or other substitute long-term care, including independent living. The program also licenses foster families, boarding homes, group homes, and child placing-organizations. The Adult Protective Services program provides crisis intervention, including investigation and emergency services, to dependent adults who are reported to be abused, neglected, or financially exploited by others or seriously endangered due to self-neglect. The Home and Community-Based Services program provides comprehensive home and community-based services to disabled adults and children to enable them to live in their homes or in the community as long as possible to prevent premature institutionalization. The Division's operations are reported in the general, special revenue, and agency funds.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind: The Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division administers programs that provide rehabilitation services to assist eligible persons with disabilities to secure employment and to lead full and independent lives. The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program offers vocational evaluation, planning, counseling, treatment, training, job placement, and follow-up services to persons with physical or mental disabilities to enable them to become employed. The economic benefits of the VR program include increased earnings and purchasing power, increased tax revenues, and decreased dependency on public assistance. The Services to the Blind program, called Ho'opono, enables

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### 1. Financial Reporting Entity (continued)

visually impaired adults to attain maximum vocational functional independence by providing varied services including vocational, counseling, assistive technology, and social and independent living skills training. Persons with visual impairment are also assisted in establishing and operating vending facilities. The Disability Determination program determines eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income benefits under the federal Social Security Program. The Division's operations are reported in the general, special revenue, and agency funds.

Youth Prevention, Delinquency and Correction Services: The Office of Youth Services (OYS) develops and provides a continuum of services for youth at risk to prevent delinquency and to reduce recidivism through prevention, rehabilitation, and treatment services. Youths' needs, from prevention to incarceration to aftercare, are addressed through programs such as the Youth Services Centers, the Youth Gang Response System, and Ho'okala Adolescent Diversion as alternative to incarceration through immediate intervention services; non-residential and incommunity aftercare services to prevent further incarceration; and community-based residential services as an alternative to incarceration. OYS also manages and operates the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) to provide safe and secure housing for the most violent and dangerous juvenile offenders. Although a core responsibility of OYS is to manage and operate HYCF, the agency places great emphasis on providing and supporting "front end" prevention, diversion, and intervention services. Incarcerated youth are provided counseling, treatment, and educational services for redirection and rehabilitation. The Division's operations are reported in the general, special revenue, and agency funds.

General Administration: General administration includes the five staff offices that support the DHS administration, operating divisions, and attached agencies. The Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) provides administrative due process hearings for three departmental divisions - Benefit, Employment and Support Services, Med-QUEST, and Social Services. The AAO also serves as the rules coordinator for the DHS and reviews administrative proceedings for the adoption, modification, or repeal of departmental rules. AAO is also responsible for establishing a mediation process for the DHS. The Fiscal Management Office (FMO) provides staff assistance and advisory services for the administrative functions of fiscal management and housekeeping services. FMO formulates policies and procedures and administers the DHS's central accounting, funds management, client and vendor payment, employee payroll, inventory management, contracting, purchasing, records management, office space allocation, and central mail distribution function. The Audit, Quality Control, and Research Office (AQCRO) conducts

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### 1. Financial Reporting Entity (continued)

audits, research studies, and reviews of the DHS's internal control systems and financial operations to safeguard the DHS's assets. The AQCRO serves to ensure the DHS's compliance with federal laws and regulations in monitoring the use of federal funds for services and benefits to clients. The Budget, Planning, and Management Office (BPMO) conducts studies, analyses, management evaluations, and reviews of departmental programs and operations to ascertain statutory and/or regulatory compliance, appropriate budgetary levels, and achievement of stated goals and objective. Office of Information Technology (OIT) is responsible for the overall administration, planning, direction, management, development, implementation, and maintenance of all information technology and information systems processing for the DHS statewide. The Personnel Office oversees the personnel programs of the DHS, including recruitment, examination, placement, position description, classification and pricing analysis, labor relations, civil rights, employee safety and relations, employee training and development, personnel transactions, and maintenance of personnel records. Those operations are reported in the general and special revenue funds.

Commission on the Status of Women: The Commission works for equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration, and program development. The Commission acts as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental activities and information relating to the status of women and creates public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities, needs, potential, and contributions of women and their roles in a changing society. The Commission's operations are reported in the general and special revenue funds.

Commission on Fatherhood: The Commission promotes healthy relationships between parents and children, emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children. The Commission promotes, fosters, encourages, and financially supports programs designed to educate and train men who are both current and future fathers in effective parenting skills, behaviors and attitudes, strategies for overcoming personal challenges, and opportunities to be productive responsible contributors to their family. The Commission's operations are reported in the special revenue fund.

The DHS has considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the DHS are such that exclusion would cause the DHS's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability.

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### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of the DHS have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governmental units. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

### a. Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements, which are the statement of net position and the statement of activities report information of all of the non-fiduciary activities of the DHS. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function. Program revenues also include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. State allotments and other items properly excluded from program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Resources that are dedicated internally are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues.

The financial activities are recorded in individual funds, each of which is deemed to be a separate accounting entity. The DHS uses fund accounting to report on its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate the legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds. However, the fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### a. Basis of Presentation (continued)

The financial activities of the DHS that are reported in the accompanying fund financial statements have been classified into the following major governmental funds. In addition, a description of the DHS's fiduciary fund is as follows:

### i. Governmental Fund Types

The DHS reports the following major governmental funds:

#### General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the DHS. It is used to account for all financial activities except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The annual operating budget as authorized by the State Legislature provides the basic framework within which the resources and obligations of the general fund are accounted.

### Special Revenue Funds

The Special Revenue Funds are used to account and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Special Revenue Funds are as follows:

**Med-QUEST** - accounts for the programs related to the health care programs of the State.

**Human Services** - accounts for social services programs, which include public welfare and eligibility and disability determination.

## ii. Fiduciary Fund Type

### Trust and Agency Funds

Trust and agency funds account for various assets held by the DHS in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental agencies or other funds.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### b. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental Funds Financial Statements - The governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources management focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the DHS considers revenues other than federal grants and assistance awards to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Revenues susceptible to accrual include federal grants and funds appropriated by the State Legislature and allotted by the Governor. Expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

Federal grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as revenue when available and entitlement occurs which is generally within 12 months of the end of the current fiscal year. All other federal reimbursement-type grants are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when the related expenditures or expenses are incurred as of fiscal year-end and funds are available.

Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Encumbrances are recorded obligations in the form of purchase orders or contracts. The State records encumbrances at the time purchase orders or contracts are awarded and executed. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2014

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### b. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

**Fiduciary Funds** - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held by the DHS as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental agencies, and/or other funds. Fiduciary funds are custodial in nature (i.e., assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The private purpose trust fund is used to account for donations received by the DHS which are used to benefit clients of the Ho'opono, Services for the Blind Program under the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind division.

#### c. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### d. Receivables

Receivables in the general and special revenue funds consist primarily of amounts due from Medicaid providers for a retroactive adjustment to previously made payments, welfare overpayments and drug rebates from manufacturers. The amounts reported as net receivables were established based on management's estimate of amounts collectible.

#### e. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land and land improvements, infrastructure assets, buildings and improvements, equipment, and all other tangible and intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### e. Capital Assets (continued)

Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and major improvements which significantly increase values, change capacities, or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation, as applicable, are removed from the respective accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in the statement of activities. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the useful lives below.

The State has adopted the following capitalization policy:

	Minimum	
	Capitalization	Estimated
	Amount	Useful Life
Land	All	Not applicable
Land improvements	\$ 100,000	15 years
Buildings and improvements	100,000	30 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	7 years
Motor vehicles	5,000	5 years
Computer software internally		
generated	1,000,000	5-15 years

#### f. Compensated Absences

The DHS permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since sick leave is not convertible to pay upon termination of employment. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred. Employees are credited with vacation at the rate of 168 hours per calendar year. Accumulation of such vacation credits is limited to 720 hours at calendar year-end and is convertible to pay upon termination of employment. Such accumulated vacation has been accrued and reflected in the statement of net assets.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### g. Due to Individuals

Due to individuals represents assets held by the DHS primarily in an agent capacity and is available to individuals receiving benefits under various programs primarily through the Electronic Benefits Transfer System.

#### h. Appropriations

Appropriations represent the authorizations granted by the State Legislature that permit a state agency, within established fiscal and budgetary controls, to incur obligations and to make expenditures. Appropriations are allotted quarterly. The allotted appropriations lapse if not expended by or encumbered at the end of the fiscal year.

## i. Operating Grants and Contributions

Federal grants and assistance awards are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

#### j. Intrafund and Interfund Transactions

Significant transfers of financial resources between activities included within the same fund are offset within that fund.

#### k. Fund Balance

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified using a hierarchy based on the extent to which the DHS is bound to follow constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds may be spent.

The DHS reports the following classifications:

Restricted Fund Balance - Restricted fund balances are restricted to specific purposes which are usually imposed by external parties such as grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed Fund Balance - Committed fund balances are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to formal action of the State Legislature.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2014

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### k. Fund Balance (continued)

Assigned Fund Balance - Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the State's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted or committed. The State Legislature authorizes the amounts to specific purposes through the budgetary process. Assigned amounts within general fund include non-liquidated encumbrances at year end that are carried forward to the next fiscal year.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents General Fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds, and that has not been restricted or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted funds are available for use, it is DHS's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, fund balances are reduced in the following order when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications can be used: committed, assigned then unassigned.

#### l. Net Position

Net position are restricted when constraints placed on them are either externally imposed or imposed by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Internally imposed designations of resources are not presented as restricted net position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is generally the DHS's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### m. Risk Management

The DHS is exposed to various risks for losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; natural disasters; and injuries to employees. A liability for a claim for a risk of loss is established if information indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the basic financial statements and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### n. Deferred Compensation Plan

The State offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all state employees, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

All plan assets are held in a trust fund to protect them from claims of general creditors. The State has no responsibility for loss due to the investment or failure of investment of funds and assets in the plan, but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the State's deferred compensation plan are not reported in the State's or the DHS's basic financial statements.

#### o. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 68 (GASB 68), Accounting and Reporting for Pensions (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27). GASB 68 amends the accounting guidance related to employers' accounting for pension plans administered through trusts or similar arrangements and requires the recognition of a liability for the employers' accumulated obligation for pension benefits. GASB 68 also provides additional guidance regarding the recognition of annual costs of pension benefits and revises the disclosure requirements for the notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. GASB 68 will be effective for the DHS's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. Management is currently evaluating the impact that GASB 68 will have on its financial statements.

In April 2013, the GASB issued Statement No. 70, Accounting and Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees. This Statement requires a government that extends a nonexchange financial guarantee to recognize a liability when qualitative factors and historical data, if any,

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### o. Recent Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

indicate that it is more likely than not that the government will be required to make a payment on the guarantee. This Statement requires a government that has issued an obligation guaranteed in a nonexchange transaction to recognize revenue to the extent of the reduction in its guaranteed liabilities. This Statement also requires a government that is required to repay a guarantor for making a payment on a guaranteed obligation or legally assuming the guaranteed obligation to continue to recognize a liability until legally released as an obligor. The provisions of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2013. Management is currently evaluating the impact that GASB 70 will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Budgeting and Budgetary Control

Revenue estimates are provided to the State Legislature at the time of budget consideration and are revised and updated periodically during the fiscal year. Amounts reflected as budgeted revenues in the statement of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual (budgetary basis) - are those estimates as compiled by the Council on Revenues and the Director of Finance. Budgeted expenditures are derived primarily from the Appropriations Act of 2013 (Act 134, SLH 2013), and from other authorizations contained in the State Constitution, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other specific appropriation acts in various Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH).

All expenditures of these appropriated funds are made pursuant to the appropriations in the fiscal 2013 - 2015 biennial budget. The general and special revenue funds have legally appropriated annual budgets.

The final legally adopted budget in the accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual (budgetary basis) - general and special revenue funds represents the original appropriations, transfers, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes.

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#### 3. Budgeting and Budgetary Control (continued)

The legal level of budgetary control is maintained at the appropriation line item level by department, program, and source of funds as established in the appropriations act. The Governor is authorized to transfer appropriations between programs within the same department and source of funds; however, transfers of appropriations between departments generally require legislative authorization. Records and reports reflecting the detail level of control are maintained by and are available at the State Department of Accounting and General Services. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, there were no expenditures in excess of appropriations in the individual funds.

To the extent not expended or encumbered, general fund appropriations generally lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made. The State Legislature specifies the lapse dates and any other contingencies which may terminate the authorizations for other appropriations.

Budgets adopted by the State Legislature for the general and special revenue funds are presented in the accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual (budgetary basis). The DHS's annual budget is prepared on the cash basis of accounting except for the encumbrance of purchase orders and contract obligations (basis difference), which is a departure from GAAP.

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary amounts to the amounts presented in accordance with GAAP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

	General		Med QUEST		Н	ıman Services
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures and						
other sources (uses) - actual on a budgetary basis	\$	15,743,283	\$	34,604,172	\$	33,963,443
Current year's appropriations encumbered at fiscal						
year-end		61,202,556		17,881,452		13,421,738
Expenditures for liquidation of prior fiscal year						
encumbrances		(67,261,042)		(61,019,800)		(34,692,807)
Net changes in liabilities		3,560,637		16,932,760		(843,044)
Net change in accrued medical assistance payable		21,181,622		13,653,252		-
Accruals related to federal reimbursements for						
program expenditures		65,698,189		(59,803,971)		(5,894,218)
Net change in other receivables		3,211,333		3,208		110,972
Difference for revenues recognized for GAAP						
purposes		(65,698,187)		37,748,927		(5,321,611)
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis	\$	37,638,391	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	744,473

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#### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The State's Director of Finance is responsible for the safekeeping of all monies paid into the State Treasury. The Director of Finance pools and invests any monies of the State, which in the Director's judgment, are in excess of amounts necessary for meeting the specific requirements of the State. Investment earnings are allocated to the Primary government based on its equity interest in the pooled monies. Legally authorized investments include obligations of or guaranteed by, the U.S. government, obligations of the State, federally-insured savings and checking accounts, time certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements with federally-insured financial institutions.

Information relating to the bank balance, insurance, and collateral of cash deposits is determined on a statewide basis and not for individual departments or divisions.

#### a. Interest Rate Risk

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the State's investment policy generally limits maturities on investments to not more than five years from the date of investment.

#### b. Credit Risk

The State's investment policy limits investments in state and U.S. Treasury securities, time certificates of deposit, U.S. government or agency obligations, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, and money market funds maintaining a Triple-A rating.

#### c. Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the State will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The State's investments are held at broker/dealer firms which are protected by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) up to a maximum amount. In addition, excess-SIPC coverage is provided by the firms' insurance policies. The State also requires the institutions to set aside in safekeeping, certain types of securities to collateralize repurchase agreements. The State monitors the market value of these securities and obtains additional collateral when appropriate.

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#### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

#### d. Concentration of Credit Risk

The State's policy provides guidelines for portfolio diversification by placing limits on the amount the State may invest in any one issuer, types of investment instruments, and position limits per issue of an investment instrument.

#### e. Cash in Bank

The DHS maintains cash in banks which are held separately from cash in the State Treasury. Deposit accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per account holder. As of June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of total bank deposits was approximately \$700,000 and the corresponding bank balances which are represented were approximately \$780,000. As of June 30, 2014 total bank deposits of approximately \$355,000 are subject to credit risk.

#### 5. Receivables

Receivables of the DHS, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, consisted of the following at June 30, 2014:

	General	Med-QUEST	Human Services
Welfare benefit overpayments	\$ 23,885,324	\$ 2,204,310	\$ 22,669,793
Drug rebate receivable	-	38,997,603	-
Medicaid providers receivable	10,200,000	-	-
Medicaid assistance receivable	5,537,250	25,000,000	-
Social Security interim assistance loans	1,268,416	-	-
CSEA receivable	261,108		
	41,152,098	66,201,913	22,669,793
Less allowance for doubtful accounts:			
Welfare benefit overpayments	22,823,306	2,106,299	21,661,821
Medicaid providers receivable	2,100,000		
	24,923,306	2,106,299	21,661,821
Receivables, net	\$ 16,228,792	\$ 64,095,614	\$ 1,007,972

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### 6. Interfund Receivable and Payable

The general fund had a net receivable due from the special revenue funds totaling \$117,488,534 as of June 30, 2014, for federal reimbursements of program expenditures. The Med-QUEST and Human Services special revenue funds had a payable to the general fund totaling \$94,893,860 and \$22,594,674, respectively, as of June 30, 2014, for federal reimbursements of program expenditures.

### 7. Capital Assets

	Balance					Balance
	July 1, 2013	Additions	Disposals	Net Transfers	Other	June 30, 2014
Depreciable Assets:						
Building and improvements	\$ 51,400,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,243,797	\$ 1,403,845	\$ 54,048,262
Furniture and equipment	34,964,818	343,337	(336,102)	-	(198,051)	34,774,002
Motor vehicles	1,712,501	169,604	(38,371)	78,874	(60,090)	1,862,518
Intangible assets – software	-	-	-	86,639,771	-	86,639,771
Non-Depreciable Assets:						
Land	6	-	-	-	-	6
Software under development	34,332,830	52,306,941		(86,639,771)		
Total at historical cost	122,410,775	52,819,882	(374,473)	1,322,671	1,145,704	177,324,559
Less Accumulated Depreciation/						
Amortization:						
Building and improvements	25,453,306	1,721,237	-	-	-	27,174,543
Furniture and equipment	34,388,583	346,067	(346,272)	-	(211,380)	34,176,998
Motor vehicles	1,671,473	105,340	(22,967)	66,210	-	1,820,056
Intangible assets - software		8,523,685				8,523,685
Total accumulated depreciation/						
amortization	61,513,362	10,696,329	(369,239)	66,210	(211,380)	71,695,282
Capital Assets, net	\$ 60,897,413	\$ 42,123,553	\$ (5,234)	\$ 1,256,461	\$ 1,357,084	\$105,629,277

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### 7. Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was charged to functions/programs of the DHS as follows:

	Governmental Activities			
Health care programs	\$	8,729,161		
General welfare assistance, employment and support services		597,584		
Child welfare and adult community care services		322,377		
Vocational rehabilitation and services for the blind		49,167		
Youth prevention, delinquency and correction services		821,814		
General administration		176,226		
	\$	10,696,329		

### 8. Accrued Compensated Absences

The only long-term liability of the DHS for governmental activities is for accrued compensated absences. The change in the long-term liability during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, was as follows:

	Amount
Balance at July 1, 2013	\$ 15,806,001
Additions Reductions	7,029,813 (7,979,965)
Balance at June 30, 2014 Less current portion	14,855,849 (5,547,000)
	\$ 9,308,849

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#### 9. Fund Balance

Fund balance constraints by purpose as of June 30, 2014 were as follows:

				QUEST ecial		Services Revenue		
	Ger	neral	Revenue Fund		Fund		T	otal
Restricted:								
Child welfare and adult community care	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
General welfare assistance,								
employment and support services		-		-		-		-
Youth prevention, delinquency and								
correction		_						
Total – restricted								_
Committed:								
Commission on the status of women /								
commission on fatherhood		-		-		3,361		3,361
Child welfare and adult community care		-		-	1	,373,302	1,	373,302
Vocation rehabilitation					1	,316,360	1,	316,360
Total – committed		_		-	2	,693,023	2,	693,023
Aassigned:								
Human services	31,90	67,153		-			31,	967,153
Total – assigned	31,90	67,153					31,	967,153
Total fund balances	\$ 31,90	67,153	\$		\$ 2	,693,023	\$ 34,	660,176

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#### 10. Changes in Assets and Liabilities of the Agency Funds

The agency funds are purely custodial (assets equal liabilities) and thus do not involve the measurement of results of operations. The changes in assets and liabilities of the agency funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were as follows:

		Balance						Balance	
	July 1, 2013		July 1, 2013 Additions		Dedu	ictions	June 30, 2014		
Assets									
Cash	\$	4,996,426	\$ 117,5	549,578	\$ 120,	412,902	\$	2,133,102	
Liabilities									
Due to individuals and									
others	\$	4,996,426	\$ 117,5	549,578	\$ 120,	412,902	\$	2,133,102	

#### 11. Non-Imposed Employee Fringe Benefits

Payroll fringe benefit costs of the DHS's employees that are funded by state appropriations (general fund) are assumed by the State and are not charged to the DHS's operating funds. These costs, totaling approximately \$21,792,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, have been reported as revenues and expenditures in the general fund of the DHS.

Payroll fringe benefit costs related to federally-funded salaries are not assumed by the State and are recorded as expenditures in the special revenue funds of the DHS.

#### 12. Leases

The DHS leases office facilities under various operating leases expiring through 2023. Certain leases include renewal and escalation clauses. The DHS's general fund share of lease costs is paid from the State General Fund. The federal share of these lease costs allocable to programs is reported in the special revenue fund of the DHS. The following is a schedule of the approximate

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#### 12. Leases (continued)

federal share of minimum future lease commitments for noncancelable operating leases as of June 30, 2014:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2015	\$ 1,762,000
2016	1,106,000
2017	650,000
2018	473,000
2019	422,000
2020 - 2023	1,118,000
	\$ 5,531,000

The DHS's federal share of rent expenditures for operating leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, amounted to approximately \$1,774,000, and is included in the accompanying financial statements.

#### 13. Retirement Benefits

Employees' Retirement System

All eligible employees of the DHS are required by Chapter 88, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to become members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (ERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. The ERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The ERS is governed by a Board of Trustees. All contributions, benefits, and eligibility requirements are established by HRS Chapter 88 and can be amended by legislative action. The ERS issues an annual comprehensive financial report that is available to the public. The report may be obtained by writing to the ERS at 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or through the ERS's website: ers.hawaii.gov.

Prior to June 30, 1984, the plan consisted of only a contributory plan. In 1984, legislation was enacted to add a new noncontributory plan for members of the ERS who are also covered under Social Security. Police officers, firefighters, judges, elected officials, and persons employed in positions not covered by Social Security are precluded from the noncontributory plan. The noncontributory plan provides for reduced benefits and covers most eligible employees hired after

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#### 13. Retirement Benefits (continued)

June 30, 1984. Employees hired before that date were allowed to continue under the contributory plan or to elect the new noncontributory plan and receive a refund of employee contributions. All benefits vest after five and ten years of credited service under the contributory and noncontributory plans, respectively.

Both plans provide a monthly retirement allowance based on the employee's age, years of credited service, and average final compensation (AFC). The AFC is the average salary earned during the five highest paid years of service, including the vacation payment, if the employee became a member prior to January 1, 1971. The AFC for members hired on or after that date is based on the three highest paid years of service excluding the vacation payment.

On July 1, 2006, a new hybrid contributory plan became effective pursuant to Act 179, SLH of 2004. Members in the hybrid plan are eligible for retirement at age 62 with 5 years of credited service or age 55 and 30 years of credited service. Members receive a benefit multiplier of 2% for each year of credited service in the hybrid plan. The benefit plan options are similar to the current contributory plan. Almost 58,000 current members, all members of the noncontributory plan and certain members of the contributory plan were eligible to join the new hybrid plan. Most of the new employees hired from July 1, 2006, were required to join the hybrid plan.

Covered employees of the contributory plan who became members as of June 30, 2012 or after June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 7.8% or 9.8% of their salary, respectively. Police officers, firefighters, investigators of the departments of the County Prosecuting Attorney and the Attorney General, narcotics enforcement investigators, and public safety investigators who became members as of June 30, 2012 or after June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 12.2% or 14.2% of their salary, respectively. Covered employees of the hybrid plan who became members as of June 30, 2012 or after June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 6% or 8% of their salary, respectively. The funding method used to calculate the total employer contribution requirement is the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method. Effective July 1, 2005, employer contribution rates are a fixed percentage of compensation, including the normal cost plus amounts required to pay for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

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#### 13. Retirement Benefits (continued)

The DHS's general fund share of the expense for pension benefits for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 was paid from the State General Fund and totaled approximately \$9,004,000, \$7,034,000, and \$7,075,000, respectively. The DHS's federal share of pension benefits expense for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 was approximately \$3,053,000, \$2,634,000, and \$2,703,000, respectively. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 was 16.00%, 15.50%, and 14.70%, respectively.

#### Post-Retirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

In addition to providing pension benefits, the State of Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF), an agent multiple-employer plan provides certain health care (medical, prescription, vision and dental) and life insurance benefits for retired State employees. Act 88 established the EUTF during the 2001 legislative session and is codified in HRS 87A. Contributions are based on negotiated collective bargaining agreements and are limited by State statute to the actual cost of benefit coverage. The DHS's share of the expense for post-retirement health care and life insurance benefits for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, was approximately \$7,804,000.

For employees hired before July 1, 1996, the State pays the entire monthly contribution for employees retiring with 10 or more years of credited service, and 50% of the monthly contribution for employees retiring with fewer than 10 years of credited service. A retiree can elect family plan to cover dependents.

For employees hired after June 30, 1996 but before July 1, 2001, and who retire with fewer than 10 years of service, the State makes no contributions. For those retiring with at least 10 years but fewer than 15 years of service, the State pays 50% of the base monthly contribution. For those retiring with at least 15 years but fewer than 25 years of service, the State pays 75% of the base monthly contribution. For those employees retiring with at least 25 years of service, the State pays 100% of the base monthly contribution. Retirees in this category can elect a family plan to cover dependents.

For employees hired on or after July 1, 2001, and who retire with fewer than 10 years of service, the State makes no contributions. For those retiring with at least 10 years but fewer than 15 years of service, the State pays 50% of the base monthly contribution. For those retiring with at least 15 years but fewer than 25 years of service, the State pays 75% of the base monthly contribution. For those employees retiring with at least 25 years of service, the State pays 100% of the base monthly contribution. Only single plan coverage is provided for retirees in this category. Retirees can elect family coverage but must pay the difference.

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#### 13. Retirement Benefits (continued)

The State is required to contribute the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount that is actuarially determined. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

Measurement of the actuarial valuation and the ARC are made for the State as a whole and are not separately computed for the individual state departments and agencies such as the DHS. The State has only computed the allocation of the other postemployment benefit (OPEB) costs to component units and proprietary funds that are reported separately in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Therefore, the OPEB costs for the DHS were not available and are not included in the financial statements. The State's CAFR includes the note disclosures and required supplementary information on the State's OPEB plans.

The EUTF issues an annual financial report that is available to the public. That report may be obtained by writing to the State of Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund at PO Box 2121, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805-2121.

#### 14. Risk Management

The DHS is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; and workers' compensation. The State records a liability for risk financing and insurance related losses if it is determined that a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The State retains various risks and insures certain excess layers with commercial insurance companies. The excess layers insured with commercial insurance companies are consistent with the prior fiscal year. Settled claims have not exceeded the coverage provided by commercial insurance companies in any of the past three fiscal years. A summary of the State's underwriting risks is as follows:

#### Property Insurance

The State has an insurance policy with a variety of insurers in a variety of layers for property coverage. The deductible for coverage is 3% of loss subject to a \$1 million per occurrence minimum. This policy includes windstorm, earthquake, flood damage, tsunami, and volcanic action coverage. The limit of loss per occurrence is \$225 million, except for terrorism which is \$50 million per occurrence.

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#### 14. Risk Management (continued)

The State also has a crime insurance policy for various types of coverages with a limit of loss of \$10 million per occurrence with a \$500,000 deductible per occurrence, except for claims expense coverage which has a \$100,000 per occurrence and a \$1,000 deductible. Losses not covered by insurance are paid from legislative appropriations of the State's General Fund.

#### General Liability (including torts)

Claims under \$10,000 are handled by the risk management office of the Department of Accounting and General Services. All other claims are handled by the Department of the Attorney General. The State has personal injury and property damage liability, including automobile and public errors and omissions, insurance policy in force with a \$4 million self-insured retention per occurrence. The annual aggregate per occurrence is \$15 million.

Losses under the deductible amount or over the aggregate limit are paid from legislative appropriations of the State's General Fund.

#### Self-Insured Risks

The State generally self-insures its automobile no-fault and workers' compensation losses. Automobile losses are administered by third-party administrators. The State administers its workers' compensation losses. The State records a liability for risk financing and insurance related losses, including incurred but not reported, if it is determined that a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

At June 30, 2014, the State recorded an estimated loss for workers' compensation, automobile and general liability claims as long-term debt as the losses will not be liquidated with currently expendable available financial resources. The estimated losses will be paid from legislative appropriations of the State's General Fund. The DHS's portion of the State's workers' compensation expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, was approximately \$534,000.

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#### 15. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Encumbrances

Encumbrances as of June 30, 2014 were as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Med-QUEST Human Services	\$ 67,038,567 21,839,844 15,881,224
Total	\$ 104,759,635

#### Accumulated Sick Leave

Sick leave accumulates at the rate of one and three-quarters working days for each month of service without limit, but may be taken only in the event of illness and is not convertible to pay upon termination of employment. However, a DHS employee who retires or leaves government service in good standing with 60 days or more of unused sick leave is entitled to additional service credit in the ERS. At June 30, 2014, accumulated sick leave was approximately \$41 million.

#### Litigation

From time to time, the DHS is named as a defendant in various legal proceedings. Although the DHS and its counsel are unable to express opinions as to the outcome of the litigation, it has been the State's historical practice that certain types of judgments and settlements against an agency of the State are paid from the State General Fund through an appropriation bill which is submitted annually by the Department of the Attorney General to the State Legislature.

#### 16. Related Party Transactions

The DHS had various amounts due to the State totaling \$120,237,125 as of June 30, 2014, which included federal reimbursements for program expenditures totaling \$92,968,950, receivables totaling \$27,111,126, and cash held outside of the State Treasury totaling \$157,049.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures			
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:						
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		\$	604,746	\$	481,206
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558			64,115,575		5,983,476
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - State						
Administered Programs	93.566			10,035		-
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568			5,542,500		-
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575			11,348,877		4,539,049
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds						
of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596			13,001,393		-
Chaffee Education and Training Vouchers						
Program (ETV)	93.599			96,369		-
Head Start Collaboration Grant	93.600			10,599		-
ARRA - Head Start	93.708			366,843		-
Repatriation Program	93.579			2,615		-
Children's Justice Grants to States	93.643			58,056		-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare				ŕ		
Services Program	93.645			1,188,308		347,555
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658			15,188,963		-
Adoption Assistance	93.659			13,144,016		-
Adoption Incentive Payments	93.603			40,000		-
Guardianship Assistance	93.090			1,193,781		-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667			15,399,256		11,063,549
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669			171,870		95,669
Family Violence Prevention and Services /				,,,,,,		,
Grants for Battered Women's Shelters -						
Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671			749,546		1,397,153
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674			180,161		265,149
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767			34,663,151		-
State Survey and Certification of Health				2 1,002,000		
Care Providers	93.777			382,596		_
Medical Assistance Program	93.778			1,141,299,744		_
Money Follows a Person	93.791			155,425		_
Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of	,,,,,,			155,125		
Chronic Diseases	93.536			1,182,845		-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human	Services		\$	1,320,097,270	\$	24,172,806

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (continued) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	I	Federal Expenditures		ount Provided Subrecipient
U.S. Department of Agriculture:						
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551		\$	520,566,248	\$	1,157,777
State Administrative Matching Grants for						
the Supplemental Nutrition						
Assistance Program	10.561			18,253,831		-
National School Lunch Program	10.555			49,547		-
School Breakfast Program	10.553			35,545		-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				538,905,171		1,157,777
U.S. Department of Justice:						
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention -						
Allocation to States	16.540			754,490		647,249
Title V - Delinquency Prevention program	16.548			89,450		88,376
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	16.523			361,619		353,137
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575			242,081		_
Total U.S. Department of Justice				1,447,640		1,088,762
U.S. Department of Labor						
Pass-through State Department of Labor and						
Industrial Relations Senior Community						
Service Employment Program	17.235			74,305		
Total U.S. Department of Labor				74,305		
U.S. Department of Education:						
Rehabilitation Services - Vocational						
Rehabilitation Grants to States	84.126			14,270,783		-
Independent Living - State Grants	84.169			268,935		197,550
Rehabilitation Services - Independent Living						
Services for Older Individuals Who						
are Blind	84.177			336,508		-
Supported Employment Services for						
Individuals with the most Significant						
Disabilities	84.187			363,300		463,900
Assistive Technology	84.224			432,482		-
Rehabilitation Training - State Vocational						
Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training	84.265			7,651		
Total U.S. Department of Education			\$	15,679,659	\$	661,450

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (continued) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Amount Provided to Subrecipient
<b>Corporation for National and Community Service:</b>				_
Foster Grandparent Program	94.011		\$ 456,768	\$ -
Senior Companion Program	94.016		387,947	
<b>Total Corporation for National and Community Service</b>			844,715	
Social Security Administration				
Social Security - Disability Insurance	96.001		6,150,011	
<b>Total Social Security Administration</b>			6,150,011	
U.S. Department of the Interior				
Pass-through the State Governor's Office				
Economic, Social, Political Developments				
of the territories	15.875	Hawaii-Cl-2013-1	11,210,027	
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			11,210,027	<u> </u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developme	ent:			
<b>Emergency Solutions Grants Program</b>	14.231		432,939	270,061
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	14.241		165,175	145,587
Continuum of Care Program	14.267		1,083,536	796,941
Shelter Plus Care	14.238		615,336	176,092
Supportive Housing Program	14.235		87,411	78,710
Total U.S. Department of Housing and U	2,384,397	1,467,391		
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,896,793,195	\$ 28,548,186		

Note to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards June 30, 2014

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and is presented on the cash basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

#### 2. Transfers

Grand awards totaling \$22,890,000 were transferred from CFDA 93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to CFDA 93.667 Social Services Block Grant (\$7,890,000) and to CFDA 93.575 Child Care Development Block Grant (\$15,000,000).

#### 3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Expenditures reported in the Schedule represent assistance utilized through the Electronic Benefits Transfer System.

#### 3. Recovery Act Funding of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits

The reported expenditures for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (CFDA No. 10.551) are supported by both regular appropriated funds and incremental funding made available under section 101 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The portion of total expenditures for SNAP benefits that is supported by Recovery Act funds varies according to fluctuations in the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan, and to changes in participating households' income, deductions, and assets. This condition prevents USDA from obtaining the regular and Recovery Act components of SNAP benefits expenditures through normal program reporting processes. As an alternative, USDA has computed a weighted average percentage to be applied to the national aggregate SNAP benefits provided to household in order to allocate an appropriate portion thereof to Recovery Act funds. This methodology generates valid results at the national aggregate level but not at the individual State level. Therefore, we cannot validly disaggregate the regular and Recovery Act components of our reported expenditures for SNAP benefits. At the national aggregate level, however, Recovery Act funds account for 0.64 percent of USDA's total expenditures for SNAP benefits in the Federal fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

#### **PART II**

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



## A Hawaii Limited Liability Partnership

# Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Office of the Auditor State of Hawaii

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Department of Human Services of the State of Hawaii (DHS), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the DHS's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2015.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the DHS's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the DHS's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the DHS's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs*, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a

timely basis. We considered the deficiency described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs*, item 2014-01, to be a material weakness. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the DHS's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying *schedule of findings* and questioned costs as items 2014-01 through 2014-21.

#### The DHS's Response to Findings

The DHS's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The DHS's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KMH LLP

KMH LLP

Honolulu, Hawaii March 20, 2015

### PART III

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE



## A Hawaii Limited Liability Partnership

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Office of the Auditor State of Hawaii:

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Department of Human Services of the State of Hawaii's (DHS) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the DHS's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The DHS's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the DHS's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the DHS's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the DHS's compliance.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Medical Assistance Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund, Social Services Block Grant, Adoption Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Low Income Home Energy Assistance

As described in Findings 2014-02 through 2014-19 in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*, the DHS did not comply with requirements regarding the following:

Finding #	CFDA#	Program Name	Compliance Requirement		
2014-02	93.778	Medical Assistance Program	Eligibility		
2014-03	93.778	Medical Assistance Program	Special tests and provision – Medicaid fraud control unit		
2014-04	84.126	Vocational Rehabilitation	Allowable costs		
2014-05	84.126	Vocational Rehabilitation	Eligibility		
2014-06	84.126	Vocational Rehabilitation	Procurement, suspension and debarment		
2014-07	93.575	Child Care and Development Block Grant and	Eligibility		
	and	Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of			
	93.596	the Child Care and Development Fund			
2014-08	93.575	Child Care and Development Block Grant and	Reporting		
	and	Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of			
	93.596	the Child Care and Development Fund			
2014-09	93.667	Social Services Block Grant	Reporting		
2014-10	93.667	Social Services Block Grant	Earmarking		
2014-11	93.659	Adoption Assistance	Activities allowed & allowable costs		
2014-12	93.659	Adoption Assistance	Level of effort – maintenance of effort		
2014-13	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Eligibility		
2014-14	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Reporting		
2014-15	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Reporting		
2014-16	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Special test – child support non- cooperation		
2014-17	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Special test – income eligibility and verification system		
2014-18	93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Special Test – Penalty for Failure to Comply with Work Verification Plan Special Test – Penalty for Refusal to Work		
2014-19	93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assistance	Eligibility		

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the DHS to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Qualified Opinion on Medical Assistance Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund, Social Services Block Grant, Adoption Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Low Income Home Energy Assistance

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the DHS complied, in all material respects, with the types compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Medical Assistance Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund, Social Services Block Grant, Adoption Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Low Income Home Energy Assistance for the year ended June 30, 2014.

#### **Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs**

In our opinion, the DHS complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of the its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2014-20. Our opinion on this major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The DHS's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The DHS's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the DHS is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the DHS's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the

effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the DHS's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2014-02 through 2014-19 to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2014-21 to be significant deficiencies.

The DHS's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The DHS's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on these responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

KMH LLP

Honolulu, Hawaii March 20, 2015

KMH LLP

# **PART IV**

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs June 30, 2014

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results				
Financial Statements				
Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified				
Internal control over financial reporting:				
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_√ Yes	None reported		
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	$\sqrt{}$ None reported		
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	_√_ No		
Federal Awards				
Internal control over major programs:				
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_√_Yes	No		
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	_√_Yes	None reported		
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Qualified			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133?	_√ Yes	No		

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

# Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results (continued)

# Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Prog	<u>gram</u>			
14.238	Shelter Plus Care				
84.126	Vocational Rehabilitation	Vocational Rehabilitation			
93.536	The Affordable Care Act Medica	The Affordable Care Act Medicaid Incentives for			
	Prevention of Chronic Diseas	e			
	Demonstration Project				
93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families			
93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assis	Low Income Home Energy Assistance			
93.575	Child Care and Development Blo	Child Care and Development Block Grant			
93.596	Child Care Mandatory and Match	Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of			
	the Child Care and Developm	ent Fund			
93.659	Adoption Assistance				
93.667	Social Services Block Grant				
93.778	Medical Assistance Program				
Dollar threshold used to programs:	distinguish between type A and type B	\$5,691,669			
Auditee qualified as low	-risk auditee?	Yes	_√_ No		

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

Finding No.: 2014-01 Financial Statement Reporting

**Type of Finding:** Material Weakness

Criteria: In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, fund financial statements should be prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this focus/basis, revenues are recognized only to the extent that they are susceptible to accrual and liabilities are required to be recorded only to the extent that their repayment will require the use of expendable available financial resources. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

*Condition, cause and context:* During our audit, we proposed and management accepted several audit adjustments that resulted in the following:

- Under accrual of vouchers payable of approximately \$4.9 million
- Under accrual of receivables from the Federal Government of approximately \$3.4 million.
- Over accrual of medical assistance payable of approximately \$6.8 million
- Over accrual of receivable from the Federal Government of approximately \$6.8 million.
- Under accrual of expenditures related to capital assets (software) of approximately \$3.4 million
- Over accrual of capital asset amortization of approximately \$3.4 million

We noted that management, in the process of preparing its financial statements either over or under accrued amounts related to vouchers payable and medical assistance payable. Upon further investigation we noted that management did not account current year changes in the operations or circumstances of its programs. We also noted management did not consider retainage and partial year amortization related to its newly placed in service capital asset (software).

*Effect:* The under or over accrual of the amounts, resulted in the initial management prepared financial statements being incorrect.

**Recommendations:** We recommend the Department modify its procedures related to the identification and recording of accruals to ensure that the impact arising from changes in operations or circumstances are given the appropriate consideration.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section II – Financial Statement Findings (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-01 Financial Statement Reporting (continued)

### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

The Department will work with the auditors in modifying the procedures related to the recording of accruals for all programs within DHS. The Department is also considering contracting with outside firms to assist in completing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and train the existing staff.

**End Date:** 6/30/15

Responsible Party: Brian Pang, Med-QUEST Fiscal Officer, (808) 692-7956; Derek Oshiro, Chief Accountant, (808) 586-5630

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

Finding No.: 2014-02 Complete Eligibility Applications and Annual Eligibility Re-

**Verifications in a Timely Manner** 

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.778

**Program:** Medical Assistance Program

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* Title 42 CFR Part 435.911 requires the timely determination of eligibility of individuals who apply for Medicaid benefits within 1) Ninety days for applicants who apply for Medicaid on the basis of disability, and 2) forty five days for all other applicants. In addition, Title 42 CFR Part 435.916 requires annual re-verifications of participant eligibility.

*Condition, cause and context:* During our audit, we noted the Department did not determine eligibility on a timely basis.

There were 156,010 initial applications received during fiscal year 2014. At the end of each month, there was an average of approximately 2,670 Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) applications and 208 Non-MAGI applications for which eligibility was not determined in a timely manner. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Department was able to reduce the number of outstanding applications for which eligibility was not determined in a timely manner to 1,453 MAGI and 153 Non-MAGI applications. Additionally, there were 170,837 renewals processed during fiscal year 2014. As of the end of the fiscal year, renewals which were submitted and not reverified within 12 months could not be determined due to KOLEA not having the capability to create a report.

KOLEA is the Departments new eligibility system that assists in determining eligibility and prioritizing determinations thereby minimizing untimely determinations. Although KOLEA is able to electronically determine the eligibility for certain applications, there are still a large number of applications which require the review of an Eligibility Worker. Additionally, the change in eligibility systems from HAWI to KOLEA caused a delay in eligibility determinations creating a larger backlog. Due to the anticipated backlog Management obtained a waiver from CMS to extend renewal determinations for the period October 2013 to March 2014 to be completed prior to October 2014. Management also indicated that the KOLEA system did not have the capability to monitor the timeliness of renewal determinations.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-02 Complete Eligibility Applications and Annual Eligibility Re-Verifications in a Timely Manner (continued)

*Effect:* The backlog of applications pending eligibility determinations and overdue annual re-verifications increases the risk that ineligible recipients may continue to receive benefits or that eligible applicants may not receive benefits in a timely manner.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendations:** We recommend the Department continue to assess the staffing requirements at the Eligibility Branch as well as reviewing its procedures over prioritizing applicants/participants to ensure that the backlog of applications pending eligibility determinations is further reduced and ultimately eliminated. We also recommend adding capability for the KOLEA system to monitor the timeliness of renewal determinations.

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) continues to work with existing staff to address the overdue applications and annual re-verifications and continue to make significant improvement in this area. Filling vacant positions continues to remain a top priority. In addition, MQD is utilizing temporary 89-day appointments to temporarily fill vacant positions until they are permanently filled.

A new electronic eligibility system (KOLEA) became operational on October 1, 2013 to be in compliance under the Affordable Care Act. This new system has expedited the processing of applications and annual re-verifications. KOLEA will produce a quarterly ad hoc report of outstanding renewal determinations which will be distributed to the Eligibility Branch for follow-up. The contractor continues to correct deficiencies to improve the efficiency of the KOLEA system.

Electronic Content Management (ECM) scanning became operational on January 19, 2015 has expedited the scanning of paper applications, supporting forms and documents into the KOLEA system to facilitate eligibility determinations.

End Date: On-going.

Responsible Party: Alan Takahashi, MQD Eligibility Branch Administrator, (808) 587-7291

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-03 Improve Controls over Utilization, Fraud and Accuracy of Medicaid

**Claims** 

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.778

**Program:** Medical Assistance Program

**Requirement:** Special Tests and Provisions – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* Title 42 CFR Part 456 Subpart A requires statewide program of control of the utilization of all Medicaid services. In addition, Title 42 CFR 456.23 requires a post payment review process that allows State personnel to review recipient utilization and provider service profiles and exception criteria to identify and correct mis-utilization practices of recipients and providers.

Condition, cause and context: The development and administration of the State's Medicaid Assistance Program (MAP) is the responsibility of the Med Quest Division (MQD). The DHS information retrieval and non-drug claims processing system is the Hawaii Prepaid Medical Management Information System (HPMMIS). The HPMMIS is operated and maintained by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). In addition, the management and processing of DHS's pharmacy benefits is contracted to Xerox.

Due to the complexity of the Medicaid program operations and the large volume of transactions, much reliance is placed on HPMMIS and its system of internal controls to accurately maintain enrollment and participant data and to ensure Medicaid costs are allowable, properly coded and accurately paid.

due to the Department not completing a post-payment review and monitoring of Xerox, its pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) for over nine years. The previous report issued by an independent healthcare auditing and consulting company recommended the need to explore additional edits, analysis, and reporting in order to expand anti-fraud efforts. The Department has created a pharmacist position to fulfill this function, however, this position is vacant.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-03 Improve Controls over Utilization, Fraud and Accuracy of Medicaid Claims (continued)

*Effect:* Failure to implement a fully functioning post-payment review process resulted in non-compliance with the requirement. Further, there is a risk that the Department is failing to identify and correct misutilization practices and identify potential fraud.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendations:** The Department should improve its post-payment review process by filling its vacant pharmacy position to conduct regular post payment reviews on a sample of drug and non-drug claims to detect processing errors and identify ways to improve the claims processing system and procedures. The Payment Error Rate Measurement conducted by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is an example of a post payment review.

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) has been working with the Personnel Office in establishing a Pharmacist position that was authorized by the legislature in 2012. The establishment of the position should be completed by March 31, 2015 after which the position will be recruited for. We are targeting to fill the position by June 30, 2015. The pharmacist would be able to conduct regular post payment reviews on a sample of drug and non-drug claim to improve controls over utilization, fraud, and accuracy of Medicaid claims.

**End Date:** 6/30/15

**Responsible Party:** Brian Pang, MQD Finance Officer, (808) 692-7956; Leslie Tawata, Acting MQD Administrator, (808) 692-8050; Curtis Toma, Medical Director, (808) 692-8106

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-04 Allowable Costs Under Individualized Plans for Employment

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Education

**CFDA No.:** 84.126

**Program:** Vocational Rehabilitation

**Requirement:** Allowable Costs

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* In accordance with 29 USC Section 723(a), vocational rehabilitation services provided under this subchapter are any services described in an individualized plan for employment developed for the individual. All services listed in the participant's individualized plan for employment are considered to be allowable activities.

**Condition, cause, and context:** Out of 60 payments we tested, we noted 1 payment that was not listed in the related participant's individualized plan for employment resulting in the overpayment of benefits of \$9,281.

The Department's policies and procedures allow for revision to the individualized plan for employment as necessary, however, personnel handling the cases of these individuals were not diligent in revising the individualized plans. Department personnel indicated that they are experiencing challenges in updating the individualized plans due to staffing requirements.

*Effect:* Failing to follow the policies and procedures resulted in questioned costs and non-compliance with the program requirements.

Questioned costs: \$9,281

**Recommendation:** Department personnel should be more diligent in complying with the policies and procedures in place.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-04 Allowable Costs Under Individualized Plans for Employment (continued)

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

### Corrective Action Taken:

Effective July 7, 2014, Albert Perez, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator (VRA) implemented new procedures to ensure that the provision of VR services meets agency standards regarding Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) completion. On that same day, VR's new Automated Case Management System-AWARE went live. The new procedures were distributed to all counselors, referenced in the AWARE training packet, and discussed at the AWARE training. Frontline supervisors are required to review all cases moving beyond application into eligibility and IPE completion. The supervisor documents in the case notes that the review was completed. VR services cannot begin until the supervisory reviews for the Certification of Eligibility and IPE have been completed. In addition, AWARE will not allow payment for any VR services that are not listed in the IPE.

In January 2015, a three-day workshop was attended by all Branch Administrators and Supervisors to assimilate VR's new Certification and IPE procedures into VR's "New Counselor Training" and "Statewide Case Review" procedures.

### Corrective Action Planned:

- 1. On March 18, 2015 a Branch Administrators' meeting is scheduled to discuss the progress of the implementation of the July 2014 procedures for each branch.
- 2. Statewide Case Reviews will be completed in April 2015.
- 3. New Counseling Training, Part 1 will be completed in May 2015 and Part 2 will be completed in June 2015.

End Date: June 30, 2015

Responsible Party: Susan Foard, Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Administrator, (808) 586-9740

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-05 Complete Eligibility Determinations in a Timely Manner

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Education

**CFDA No.:** 84.126

**Program:** Vocational Rehabilitation

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 29 U.S. Code 722(a)(6), requires the Department to determine whether an individual is eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation services within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days, after the individual has submitted an application for services, unless exceptional and unforeseen circumstances exist beyond the Department's control and the Department and the applicant agree to a specific extension of time.

**Condition, cause and context:** The Department did not always follow its policies and procedures to document a specific extension of time signed by both the counselor and applicant. Specifically, for 17 out of 60 applications tested, the Department did not determine eligibility, perform a case closure within the 60 day period or obtain a signed extension letter with the applicant.

To ensure compliance with the timely eligibility determination requirement, the Department provides to each counselor on a monthly basis, a list of the counselor's assigned outstanding cases. The counselors are instructed to prioritize cases that are close to the 60 day eligibility deadline. The Department has stated that lack of diligence is the primary cause of these errors.

*Effect:* Failure to make eligibility determinations in a timely manner may result in a delay of services provided.

Questioned Costs: None

**Recommendations:** Department personnel should be more diligent in complying with the policies and procedures in place. The Department should also provide adequate supervision of its caseworkers and enforce its policies and procedures to help ensure compliance with eligibility requirements.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-05 Complete Eligibility Determinations in a Timely Manner (continued)

### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

#### Corrective Action Taken:

Effective July 7, 2014, Albert Perez, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator (VRA) implemented new procedures to ensure that the provision of VR services meets agency standards regarding Certification of Eligibility completion. On that same day, VR's new Automated Case Management System-AWARE went live. The new procedures were distributed to all counselors, referenced in the AWARE training packet, and discussed at the AWARE training. Frontline supervisors are required to review all cases moving beyond application and into eligibility. The supervisor documents in the case notes that the review was completed. VR services cannot begin until the supervisory reviews for the Certification of Eligibility and IPE have been completed. In addition, AWARE will not allow payment for any VR services that are not listed on the IPE.

In January 2015, a three-day workshop was attended by all Branch Administrators and Supervisors to assimilate VR's new procedures into VR's "New Counselor Training" and "Statewide Case Review" procedures.

### **Corrective Action Planned:**

- 1. On March 18, 2015 a Branch Administrators' meeting is scheduled to discuss the progress of the implementation of the July 2014 procedures for each branch.
- 2. Statewide Case Reviews will be completed in April 2015.
- 3. New Counseling Training Part 1 will be completed in May 2015 and Part 2 will be completed in June 2015.

End Date: June 30, 2015

Responsible Party: Susan Foard, Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Administrator, (808) 586-9740

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-06 Procurement, Suspension and Debarment

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Education

**CFDA No.:** 84.126

**Program:** Vocational Rehabilitation

**Requirement:** Procurement, Suspension and Debarment **Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* In accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR 180.300, when a non-Federal entity enters into a covered transaction with an entity at a lower tier, the non-Federal entity must verify that the entity and its principals are not suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from participating in the transaction by checking the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), collecting a certification from the entity, or adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that entity.

Condition, cause, and context: We selected 7 of 30 contracts for procurement testing and noted that the Department did not verify that the 7 procured vendors were not suspended or debarred from Federal contracts. Program management asserted that they were not aware of the requirement to verify that the subrecipient was not suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from Federal contracts. We searched the EPLS and verified that the procured vendors tested were not suspended or debarred.

*Effect:* Failure to properly verify that the contracting agency is not an excluded party could result in payments to excluded parties.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Department diligently comply with its policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with the requirement.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-06 Procurement, Suspension and Debarment (continued)

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

#### Corrective Action Taken:

In December 2014, a draft of the "Procurement Debarment and Suspension Compliance Policy/Procedures was completed. The draft was revised and finalized in February 2015.

The procedure states: "The Hawaii Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Contract Administrator has primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with the requirements in 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Subtitle B, Part 3485. Effective January 1, 2015, before entering into any contract for goods or services that equals or exceeds (or could potentially equal or exceed) \$25,000, the Contract Administrator *must* obtain verification that the person/entity with whom Hawaii DVR intends to do business is not excluded or disqualified. This verification *must* also be completed on a yearly basis for contracts that exceed one year. Documentation of required System for Award Management (SAM) verifications *must* be maintained as part of the official procurement file for each contract and noted in the Contract Database on the individual contract worksheets that have been set up for each contract."

Effective January 1, 2015, the DVR Contract Administrator is verifying that the person/entity with whom Hawaii DVR intends to do business is not excluded or disqualified.

### **Corrective Action Planned:**

- 1. The DVR Contract Administrator will verify the eligibility through SAM for all contractors receiving contracts equaling or exceeding \$25,000 that were executed prior to January 1, 2015. The verifications will be documented in the DVR Contract Database on the individual contract worksheets that have been set up for each contract. This verification process for current contractors will be completed no later than March 31, 2015.
- 2. Going forward, the DVR Contract Administrator will complete all verifications on a yearly basis for contracts that exceed one year. The yearly verifications will be completed no later than December 31 of each year.
- 3. Before execution of any new or amended contract that equals or exceeds \$25,000, SAM verification will be completed and documented in the official procurement file and DVR Contract Database.

**End Date:** June 30, 2015

Responsible Party: Susan Foard, Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Administrator, (808) 586-9740

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-07 Improve the Accuracy of Child Care Reimbursements

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.575 and 93.596

**Program:** Child Care and Development Block Grant

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 45 CFR Section 98.67 requires that the Department expend and account for Child Care and Development funds in accordance with their own laws and procedures for expending and accounting for their own funds. According to Chapter 17-798.2 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), child care payments will include the monthly cost of child care per child, which will be made in accordance with the established fee scale and rate table as stipulated in the HAR.

**Condition, cause and context:** We selected 60 case files for testing and noted five instances where the information used in the Child Care Worksheet to calculate the eligible child care payments was incorrect. These errors resulted in the following:

- 1 instance in which benefit payments totaling \$840 was overpaid to participants.
- 4 instances where the income calculation was incorrect, however there was no impact to the benefits paid.

These errors were due to clerical mistakes or lack of proper oversight.

**Effect:** Failure to properly calculate child care payments resulted in over and under payments of benefits.

Questioned costs: \$840

**Recommendation:** The Department should be more diligent to ensure that child care payments are calculated properly. The Department should perform post payment reviews of a sample of child care payments to ensure accuracy and assess case worker performance.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-07 Improve the Accuracy of Child Care Reimbursements (continued)

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: Since mid-2013, the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) staff has been working with the subsidy contractor in standardization of the contractor's Quality Assurance (QA) review protocols and instrument to be used for continuous quality improvement assessment of performance and staff training needs regarding accuracy of payments issued. The contractor is required to do monthly QA reviews, with CCPO providing the list of selected cases to the contractor. CCPO staff conducts secondary sample case reviews of the contractor's cases for monitoring purposes and ensuring reliability of the contractor's QA process. The CCPO program staff continues to monitor the contractor and provide policy clarifications as needed to the contractor.

The Department will also revisit seeking the assistance of DHS Quality Control (QC) unit to conduct secondary sample case reviews of the contractor's cases to assist in identifying areas in which additional training or policy clarification may be needed for the contract staff. CCPO had originally requested DHS QC assistance in mid-2012, however due to the caseload of the DHS QC unit it was determined that the DHS QC unit would not be able to assist CCPO in conducting secondary reviews until possibly 2015, dependent on the ability of DHS QC unit in filling vacant positions.

For the First-To-Work program that issues child care subsidies to families receiving financial assistance, staff from the Employment & Training Program Office has incorporated the child care subsidy portion into the established monthly and quarterly case review process. Of the cases that are sampled for their First-To-Work Work Verification Plan reviews, the First-To-Work staff are utilizing the common review instrument to determine whether the child care subsidy issued was properly authorized. Training was provided to the units to ensure consistency in how they are conducting the reviews. Training was also provided to the First-To-Work staff to reinforce policies regarding issuance of child care assistance for First-To-Work clients.

End Date: On-going.

Responsible Party: Dana Balansag, Child Care Program Administrator, (808) 586-7187

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-08 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

Reporting

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.575 and 93.596

**Program:** Child Care and Development Block Grant

**Requirement:** Reporting

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

**Condition, cause and context:** We selected 4 out of 7 subawards for testing and noted that the Department did not comply with the required reporting deadlines for all of the selected subawards. Program management indicated that they were aware of the requirement but due to miscommunication with the Fiscal Management Office (FMO) regarding the responsibilities of reporting, reports were not submitted in the required time frame.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Department develop and implement procedures to ensure appropriate communication between the program and FMO so that the required FFATA reports are submitted timely.

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: A training program for FFATA web reporting was developed in November 2014 by former Social Services Division (SSD) staff, with the first departmental training held in that same month. Training classes will be conducted in the future as needed. Programs have been instructed to conduct reporting as required and to report any problems or difficulties with FMO as soon as possible.

End Date: February 27, 2015

Responsible Party: Ken Kitamura, Fiscal Management Officer, (808) 586-4856

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-09 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

Reporting

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.667

**Program:** Social Services Block Grant

**Requirement:** Reporting

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

**Condition, cause and context:** Program management indicated that they did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements for all subawards. Program management was aware of the FFATA reporting requirements, however due to miscommunication with the Fiscal Management Office (FMO) regarding the responsibilities of reporting, no reports were submitted.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendations:** We recommend the Department develop and implement procedures to ensure appropriate communication between the program and FMO so that the required FFATA reports are submitted timely.

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: A training program for FFATA web reporting was developed in November 2014 by former Social Services Division (SSD) staff, with the first departmental training held in that same month. Training classes will be conducted in the future as needed. Programs have been instructed to conduct reporting as required and to report any problems or difficulties with FMO as soon as possible.

End Date: February 27, 2015

Responsible Party: Ken Kitamura, Fiscal Management Officer, (808) 586-4856

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-10 Tracking Earmarked Funds

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.667

**Program:** Social Services Block Grant

**Requirement:** Earmarking

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 42 USC 604(d)(3)(A) and 9902(2) requires an entity to use all of the amount transferred in from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (CDFA 93.558) program to provides services to children or their families whose income is less than 200 percent of the official poverty guideline as revised annually by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Condition, cause and context: The Social Services Block Grant program receives transfers of funds from the TANF program to provide benefits to participants subject to the aforementioned income requirement. Although the Social Services Block Grant program used the TANF funds for allowable activities, we noted that policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the earmarking requirement were put into place near the end of the current fiscal year. However, given the timing in which the policies and procedures established, program management was unable to comply with the requirement for the current fiscal year.

Effect: Failure to monitor and document the program participant's income resulted in the non-compliance.

Ouestioned costs: \$7,890,000

**Recommendations:** We recommend the DHS adhere to its established policies and procedures to ensure that TANF funds are spent in accordance with the requirements.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-10 Tracking Earmarked Funds (continued)

*Corrective Action Taken or Planned:* TANF eligibility and tracking procedures were completed in early April 2014. Training on the new procedures was conducted for service providers on April 15, 2014, for implementation effective May 1, 2014. In June and July 2014, SSD's tracking procedures were used to check TANF eligibility status for clients in SFY 2013 and SFY 2014.

A revised TANF reporting form was issued in August 2014. Procedures will continue to be monitored and revised as needed to ensure compliance.

**End Date:** August 31, 2014

Responsible Party: Judy Kawano, Assistant Child Welfare Services Program Administrator, (808) 586-7212

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-11 Proper Determination of Benefit Amount

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.659

**Program:** Adoption Assistance

**Requirement:** Activities Allowed & Allowable Costs **Type of Finding:** Non -Compliance and Material Weakness

Criteria: 42 USC 673(a)(3) states that the amount of the payments to be made in any case under clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1)(B) shall be determined through agreement between the adoptive parents and the State or local agency administering the program under this section, which shall take into consideration the circumstances of the adopting parents and the needs of the child being adopted, and may be readjusted periodically, with the concurrence of the adopting parents (which may be specified in the adoption assistance agreement), depending upon changes in such circumstances.

Condition, cause and context: Program participant benefit payments are governed by a signed "Adoption Assistance Agreement" (Agreement). Benefit payments under the Agreement may be further supplemented due to difficulties in caring for a child as determined by a caseworker on an as need basis and documented on the "Difficulty of Care" (DOC) worksheet. During our audit, we selected 60 cases for testing and noted the following:

- 3 instances where the amount per the Agreement was lower than the amount paid resulting in an overpayment of benefits of \$213 per month, or \$2,556 for the year.
- 1 instance where Part II of the DOC was missing resulting in an overpayment of benefits of \$570 per month, or \$6,840 for the year.
- 1 instance where the amount per the Agreement was blank. As the agreement was not properly completed, the monthly subsidy should not have been paid resulting in an overpayment of benefits of \$529 per month, or \$6,348 for the year.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that proper support for the monthly adoption assistance payment is maintained, there was a lack of diligence in complying with the policies and procedures.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

### Finding No.: 2014-11 Proper Determination of Benefit Amount (continued)

*Effect:* Failure to properly document and maintain the support for the Adoption Assistance subsidy payments limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements.

Questioned costs: \$15,744

**Recommendations:** We recommend the Department be more diligent in following its existing policies and procedures.

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

Our plans to reduce and/or eliminate these errors include:

- 1. Refresher trainings for staff on existing policies and procedures.
- 2. Transitioning to electronic agreement forms that will provide immediate error feedback and automatic transfer of information to payment screens.
- 3. A Social Services Division (SSD) monitor will review a random sample of case files and compare with corresponding payment screens in order to catch individual errors as well as error trends for corrections.

End Date: February 17, 2017

**Responsible Party:** Rachel Thorburn, Acting Child Welfare Services Program Development Administrator, (808) 586-5675

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-12 Level of Effort – Maintenance of Effort

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.659

**Program:** Adoption Assistance

**Requirement:** Level of Effort – Maintenance of Effort **Type of Finding:** Non -Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* Title 42 USC 673(a)(8) requires the State to calculate the savings resulting from the application of the eligibility requirements of Title 42 USC 673(a)(2)(A)(ii) and to utilize the savings to provide any service permitted under Title IV-B or Title IV-E, provided the savings are used to supplement and not supplant any funds used to provide services under these parts.

The Adoption Assistance program has determined that certain children are considered eligible in accordance with eligibility criteria described in Title 42 USC 673(a)(2)(A)(ii).

*Condition, cause and context:* During our audit, we noted that program management was not aware of this requirement and, therefore, did not calculate and/or expend any related savings. Consequently, program management was not able to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

*Effect:* Failure to calculate and/or expend any savings under these provisions resulted in noncompliance with this requirement.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendations:** We recommend DHS review and identify program requirements to develop and implement procedures to ensure that the Department complies with the Level of Effort requirements per Title 42 USC 673(a)(8).

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-12 Level of Effort – Maintenance of Effort (continued)

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

Child Welfare Services (CWS) Administrators have reviewed and identified program requirements. Social Services Division (SSD) has identified staff responsible for compliance with the Level of Effort requirements and has set-up a checks and balances system that involves program administrators and fiscal staff checking each other's calculations and compliance.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Rachel Thorburn, Acting Child Welfare Services Program Development Administrator, (808) 586-5675

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-13 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility

**Determinations** 

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

**Program:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* The State of Hawaii Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan provides the rules and regulations for the eligibility requirements of the TANF program subject to the requirements of 45 CFR 206.10. To apply for assistance, applicants must complete and file an application form, be interviewed by a caseworker, and have certain information verified. Further, to be eligible, the applicant must meet specific financial requirements.

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 60 case files for testing and noted the following:

- 4 instances where the case file did not contain the application and interview form, including 1 instance where the case file did not contain the birth certificate and State of Hawaii identification (ID). The missing documents resulted in benefit overpayment of \$20,413.
- 1 instance where the case file did not contain the interview form and the birth certificate and/or ID resulting in a benefit overpayment of \$6,433.
- 5 instances where the case file did not contain the birth certificate and ID resulting in benefit overpayments of \$21,851
- 3 instances where the case file did not contain income support resulting in benefit overpayments of \$3.362.
- 1 instance where the benefit amount was not calculated correctly resulted in a benefit overpayment of \$184.

Program management indicated that there are policies and procedures in place regarding the application and benefit calculation but these policies and procedures were not consistently complied with.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-13 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

*Effect:* Failure to follow its policies and procedures limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. Further, there is a risk of inaccurate eligibility determinations resulting in ineligible participants receiving benefits or eligible participants receiving excess or deficient benefit amounts.

Questioned costs: \$52,243

**Recommendation:** We also recommend the Department diligently comply with its policies and procedures.

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

Financial Assistance Program (FAP) will notify staff to:

- Scan all applications, Six Month Report Form (SMRF) and Eligibility Review (ER) forms, and corresponding DHS 1006, Interview Documentation forms into the electronic case files (ECF) upon disposition or determination of continued eligibility;
- Document on case notes the method in which clients' ID & birth certificates are verified and update the Hawaii Automated Welfare Information (HAWI) system with appropriate code; and
- Document income information on case notes or DHS 1006.

FAP will also work closely with Staff Development Office regarding documenting & scanning.

Hawaii is currently in the process of designing a new welfare system which includes on-line documentation. Anticipated implementation is in 2-3 years.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Patricia Quiacusan, Acting Financial Assistance Program Administrator, (808) 586-5733

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-14 Quarterly Reporting

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

**Program:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Requirement:** Reporting

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 45 CFR 265.3 requires each State to collect on a monthly basis, and file on a quarterly basis, the data specified in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Data Report.

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 4 quarterly reports for testing and further selected 60 cases files which supported the information included in the Data Reports noting the following:

- For 1 quarterly report, the key report line item "parent with minor child in the family" was incorrectly reported for 1 case file.
- For 3 quarterly reports, the key line item "receives subsidized child care" was incorrectly reported for 5 case files.

Program management indicated that the errors were due to an coding error with the internal system which was subsequently fixed.

*Effect:* Failure to properly report the correct data resulted in noncompliance with the requirement. Further, 45 CFR 265.8 allows for a potential penalty to be imposed when the Department fails to comply with the requirement.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Department review the reports and possibly sample key report line items to ensure they are completed accurately.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-14 Quarterly Reporting (continued)

Corrective Action Plan: Corrections were made to the coding of the Federal Data Report for Data Element 17. Financial Assistance Program (FAP) and Employment and Training Program Office (ETPO) will continue to work together in reviewing the error reports received from HHS-ACF. FAP and ETPO will meet with the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) when there are necessary changes to be made with the coding.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Catherine Scardino, Employment and Training Program Administrator, (808) 586-7062

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-15 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

Reporting

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

**Program:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Requirement:** Reporting

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 8 out of 22 subawards for testing and noted that the Department did not comply with the required reporting deadlines for all of the selected subawards. Program management indicated that they were aware of the requirement however due to miscommunication with the Fiscal Management Office (FMO) regarding the responsibilities of reporting, reports were not submitted in the required time frame.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Department develop and implement procedures to ensure that appropriate communication between the program and FMO so that the required FFATA reports are submitted timely.

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: A training program for FFATA web reporting was developed in November 2014 by former Social Services Division (SSD) staff, with the first departmental training held in that same month. Training classes will be conducted in the future as needed. Programs have been instructed to conduct reporting as required and to report any problems or difficulties with FMO as soon as possible.

End Date: February 27, 2015

Responsible Party: Ken Kitamura, Fiscal Management Officer, (808) 586-4856

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-16 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Compliance with

**Child Support Non-Cooperation Requirement** 

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

Program:Temporary Assistance for Needy FamiliesRequirement:Special Test - Child Support Non-CooperationType of Finding:Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 45 CFR section 264.30 requires the Title IV-A agency to take appropriate action if the Title IV-D agency determines that an individual is not cooperating with the child support enforcement requirements.

Condition, cause and context: The Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA), the Department's Title IV-D agency, will identify TANF participants (cases) as non-cooperating in the HAWI system. CSEA provided us a listing of non-cooperating participants. We selected 60 participants from this list, noting 26 did not have documentation in their file to indicate whether TANF took appropriate action regarding their non-cooperation.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place which require the program to maintain the required documents or to ensure that appropriate benefit reduction actions are taken, there was a lack of diligence in either filing the required documents related to non-cooperation or stopping benefit payments.

*Effect:* Failure to properly maintain the required documentation on file limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements.

Questioned costs: \$61,735

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Department diligently perform the required procedures and maintain the appropriate documents to comply with its policies and procedures.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-16 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Compliance with Child Support Non-Cooperation Requirement (continued)

*Corrective Action Taken or Planned:* Financial Assistance Program (FAP) is currently in discussions with Corporation Council (non-cooperation in establishing paternity) and the Child Support Enforcement Agency (non-cooperation in establishing obligation) regarding the best practice in getting the information to the line staff.

Once a final decision is reached, FAP will notify staff via policy clarification detailing the method that processing center will receive the information, the actions the line staff must take to ensure the case is correct (closure), and the requirements that must be provided should the client reapply for benefits.

In addition, FAP will work with Staff Development Office (SDO) to include child support non-cooperation consequences and actions to take to correct the case status in future training sessions with the staff.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Patricia Quiacusan, Acting Financial Assistance Program Administrator, (808) 586-5733

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-17 Income Eligibility and Verification System

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

**Program:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Requirement:** Special Test – Income Eligibility and Verification System

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* Title 45 CFR 205.55, requires the State agency to request through the Income Eligibility and Verification System (IEVS), wage information, unemployment compensation, Social Security Administration, unearned income, and any other income information.

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 60 case files for testing and noted 4 instances where the Department did not properly use IEVS to re-evaluate the initial benefit calculations. KMH noted the following:

- 3 instances in which benefit payments totaling \$2,208 were overpaid to participants.
- 1 instance in which benefit payments totaling \$948 were underpaid to participants.

Program management indicated that there are policies and procedures in place regarding use of the IEVS but these policies and procedures were not consistently followed.

*Effect:* Failure to properly use IEVS to evaluate benefit amount resulted in over and under payments of benefits.

Questioned costs: \$2,208

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-17 Income Eligibility and Verification System (continued)

**Recommendation:** The Department should be more diligent in consistently following its policies and procedures.

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: Financial Assistance Program (FAP) will provide an updated policy clarification on IEVS procedures and requirements.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Patricia Quiacusan, Acting Financial Assistance Program Administrator, (808) 586-5733

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-18 Improve the monitoring of required work participation hours

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.558

**Program:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Requirement:** Special Test – Penalty for Failure to Comply with Work Verification Plan

 $Special\ Test-Penalty\ for\ Refusal\ to\ Work$ 

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* In accordance with 45 CFR sections 261.13 - .14, if an individual fails without good cause, to comply with an individual responsibility plan that he or she has signed, the State may reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the family, by whatever amount it considers appropriate. Further, the State is required to reduce or terminate the amount of assistance payable to a family, subject to any good cause or other exceptions the State may establish, if an individual refuses to engage in work activity. Tracking and reporting of work activity is governed by 45 CFR sections 261.60 - .61.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 60 case files for testing and noted the following:

- 10 instances where work activity hours were understated including 1 instance where a participant did not meet the required work activity hours.
- 7 instances where work activity hours were overstated including 1 instance where a participant did not meet the required work activity hours..
- 1 instance where work activity hours reported were correct but the participant did not meet the required work activity.
- 2 instances where there was no documentation of work activity.

Although the Department has established policies and procedures in place to ensure that accurate work activity is tracked and reported, the Department did not follow existing policies and procedures.

*Effect:* Failure to properly track and report the amount of work activity by participants resulted in noncompliance with the requirement. Further, the Department of Health and Human Services may penalize a State by an amount not less than one percent and not more than five percent of the State Family Assistance Grant for violation of 45 CFR sections 261.13-14 and 261.60-.61.

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### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-18 Improve the monitoring of required work participation hours (continued)

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendation:** The Department should diligently apply the policies and procedures in place to comply with the Work Verification Plan.

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

The program office concurs with the errors that were found and therefore plans to:

- 1. Continue quality assurance case reviews/audits in accordance with the Work Verification Plan (WVP);
- 2. Schedule annual or semi-annual meetings with individual units as part of the onsite audits so they are provided opportunities to ask questions, request clarifications, and provided suggestions on how current operational procedures may be improved;
- 3. Initiate discussion with the administrators, who oversee the First-To-Work (FTW) and First-To-Work Vocational Rehabilitation (FTW-VR) units, to develop and implement appropriate corrective action plans for units with high error rates;
- 4. Work with the Staff Development Office (SDO) to review the training materials and ensure common errors found through case reviews and audits are addressed and reviewed thoroughly adding emphasis on proper application of the WVP;
- 5. Continue issuing Policy Clarifications (PCs) to address issues as it relates to the implementation of the WVP, application of administrative policies and program procedures. The PCs will include instructions when determined necessary; and
- 6. Continue to revise program forms in accordance with the WVP so participants are able to submit proper verification of activity hours, and assist staff to calculate and enter accurate hours into the Hawaii Automated Network for Assistance (HANA) system. Furthermore, operational procedures will be revised to incorporate PCs that were previously published.

End Date: On-going.

**Responsible Party:** Catherine Scardino, Employment and Training Program Administrator, (808) 586-7062

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-19 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility

**Determinations** 

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.568

**Program:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Non-Compliance and Material Weakness

*Criteria:* 42 USC Chapter 94 Section 8624(b)(2) allows the Department to provide assistance to (a) households in which one or more individuals are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or certain needs-tested veterans benefits; or (b) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of 150 percent of the State's established poverty level, or 60 percent of the State median income. Further 42 USC Chapter 94 Section (d) requires that the State shall expend funds in accordance with the State plan under this subchapter or in accordance with revisions applicable to such a plan.

Under the State plan (2013 LIHEAP Detailed Model Plan), item 5 of the 'Additional Eligibility Requirements' requires that all adult members sign the application in order to be considered eligible for the LIHEAP benefit payment. Further noted that the State plan also requires that households must provide verification of their liquid assets and those households are subject to an asset(s) test in order to be deemed eligible for the LIHEAP benefit program.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 60 case files for testing and noted the following:

- 5 instances where the income information used in the LIHEAP Determination form to calculate the eligible credit amount was incorrect, resulting in the overpayment of benefits in the amount of \$600.
- 1 instance where all of the adult members in the household did not sign the application, which should have resulted in the household being deemed ineligible resulting in the overpayment of benefits of \$750.
- 1 instance where the calculation to determine the amount of liquid assets for the household was incorrect. This calculation error did not impact the determination of eligibility or benefit payments.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-19 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that eligibility determinations and benefit calculations are performed accurately, there was a lack of diligence in following the policies and procedures.

*Effect:* Failure to follow the policies and procedures resulted in inaccurate eligibility determinations and benefit overpayments.

Questioned costs: \$1,350

**Recommendation**: We recommend the Department be more diligent in ensuring that eligibility determinations and benefit calculations are performed in accordance with the established policies and procedures.

Corrective Action Taken or Planned: The contract with the contractor responsible for the errors was not renewed. Corrective action planned is to train staff on income determination and to be sure to collect all adult signatures on the application. Training both by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) coordinator and organizations will be conducted. We will also provide employees with a handbook with training materials, procedures, and a hard copy of the training, forms, examples, and desk aids. Emphasis will be put on determinations being calculated correctly. All organizations have guidelines in place to have a multi-level check system prior to data entry and case approval/denial.

End Date: May 2015

Responsible Party: Teri Ann Escudero, LIHEAP Coordinator, (808) 586-5734

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-20 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility

**Determinations** 

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.778

**Program:** Medical Assistance Program

**Requirement:** Eligibility

**Type of Finding:** Known Questioned Costs greater than \$10,000

*Criteria:* The Department is required to include in each applicant's case record facts to support the Department's decision on his application (42 CFR Part 435.913). Included in each applicant's case record are documents verifying the relevant information in initial eligibility determinations and redeterminations (42 CFR Part 435.916 and 42 CFR Part 435.940 – 960).

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 65 case files for testing and noted that 1 case file could not be located and, therefore, we could not test the accuracy of the eligibility re-determination resulting in the overpayment of benefits totaling \$10,440.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that case files are established for each applicant/participant and that required eligibility documentation is on file, the Department did not follow existing policies and procedures.

*Effect:* Failure to properly maintain the required case files limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements increasing the risk of inaccurate eligibility determinations resulting in ineligible participants receiving benefits.

Questioned costs: \$10,440

**Recommendations:** We recommend DHS be more diligent in ensuring that its files are properly maintained. We also recommend DHS diligently perform the required procedures and maintain the appropriate documents related to initial and re-determinations of eligibility.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

#### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-20 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

As noted in the auditor's findings, 1 case file could not be initially located. The Financial Assistance Program terminated effective 07/31/02. The Hawaii Automated Welfare Information (HAWI) System auto-created the Medical Assistance Program effective 07/01/02. The beneficiary continues to remain eligible to present. The HAWI case record should be with the Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) as the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) never had a case record. All supervisory staff has been instructed to properly maintain case files assigned to their unit. Procedures are in place to maintain appropriate documents related to initial and re-determinations of eligibility.

End Date: On-going.

Responsible Party: Alan Takahashi, MQD Eligibility Branch Administrator, (808) 587-7291

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

#### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-21 Monitor the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program

Federal Agency: U.S Department of Health and Human Services

**CFDA No.:** 93.778

**Program:** Medical Assistance Program

**Requirement:** Allowable Costs **Type of Finding:** Significant Deficiency

*Criteria:* The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, as set forth in Section 1927 of the Social Security Act requires DHS to maintain drug utilization data that identifies the number of units of each covered outpatient drug for which DHS reimbursed providers. The number of units is applied to the unit rebate amount to determine the actual rebate amount due from each manufacturer.

Condition, cause and context: DHS subcontracts the daily operations of the drug rebate program to Xerox, including billing, collection, accounting, and dispute resolution. While the day to day operations of the drug rebate program have been subcontracted to Xerox, DHS is still ultimately accountable for the drug rebate program. We noted that DHS does not perform monitoring of subcontractor activities. Due to the complexity involved in the drug rebate calculations, DHS does not have the necessary resources and staffing requirements to perform monitoring procedures of subcontractor activities.

*Effect:* The lack of subcontractor monitoring activities may result in the risk that the drug rebates are not being calculated correctly and accurately reported.

Questioned costs: None

**Recommendations:** DHS should establish formal procedures to monitor its subcontractor activities of the drug rebate program.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (continued) June 30, 2014

#### **Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)**

Finding No.: 2014-21 Monitor the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (continued)

#### Corrective Action Taken or Planned:

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) has been working with the Personnel Office in establishing a Pharmacist position that was authorized by the legislature in 2012. The establishment of the position should be completed by March 31, 2015 after which the position will be recruited for. We are targeting to fill the position by June 30, 2015. The pharmacist would assist in monitoring the drug rebate position as a pharmacist is critical in identifying correct units and price per unit calculations to effectively monitor the drug rebate program.

**End Date:** 6/30/15

**Responsible Party:** Brian Pang, MQD Finance Officer, (808) 692-7956; Leslie Tawata, Acting MQD Administrator, (808) 692-8050; Curtis Toma, Medical Director, (808) 692-8106

# PART V

# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings June 30, 2014

#### STATUS REPORT

This section contains the current status of our prior audit recommendations. The recommendations are referenced to the pages of the previous audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, dated March 24, 2014.

Recommendations

#### Part III - Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section

# 2013-02 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations

*Criteria:* The Department is required to include in each applicant's case record facts to support the Department's decision on his application (42 CFR Part 435.913). Included in each applicant's case record are documents verifying the relevant information in initial eligibility determinations and redeterminations (42 CFR Part 435.916 and 42 CFR Part 435.940 – 960).

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 70 case files for testing and noted the following:

#### Eligibility Re-Determinations

- 6 case files could not be located and therefore we could not test the accuracy of the eligibility redetermination resulting in the overpayment of benefits totaling \$31,562.
- 6 case files that did not contain the required verification forms resulting in estimated overpayment of benefits totaling \$12,524.

#### Initial Eligibility Determinations and Verifications

 1 case file could not be located and therefore we could not test the accuracy of the eligibility This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-20.

**Status** 

CFDA No.: 93.778

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#### Recommendations

Status

**CFDA No.: 93.778** 

#### Part III - Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-02 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

determination resulting in the overpayment of benefits totaling \$3,758.

- 1 case file where a participant was incorrectly categorized as disabled resulting in the overpayment of benefits totaling \$6,445.
- 1 case file did not contain the required verification forms. The missing forms did not result in an overpayment or underpayment of benefits as we were able to verify the required information using other sources of information.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that case files are established for each applicant/participant and that required eligibility documentation is on file, there was a lack of diligence in tracking case files and completing/filing the required documents.

Effect: Failure to properly maintain the required case records and related verification forms limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. Further, there is a risk of inaccurate eligibility determinations resulting in ineligible participants receiving benefits and/or eligible participants receiving excess/deficient benefit amounts.

Questioned costs: \$54,289

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-03 Complete Eligibility Applications and Annual Eligibility Re-Verifications in a Timely Manner

*Criteria:* Title 42 CFR Part 435.911 requires the timely determination of eligibility of individuals who apply for Medicaid benefits within 1) Ninety days for applicants who apply for Medicaid on the basis of disability, and 2) forty-five days for all other applicants. In addition, Title 42 CFR Part 435.916 requires annual re-verifications of participant eligibility.

*Condition, cause and context:* During our audit, we noted the following:

- 1. There were 138,506 initial applications received during fiscal year 2013. Of these initial applicants, there was an average of approximately 300 applications at the end of each month for which eligibility was not determined in a timely manner. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Department was able to reduce the number of outstanding applications for which eligibility was not determined in a timely manner to 178.
- 2. There were 74,634 renewals processed during fiscal year 2013. Of these renewals, there was an average of approximately 2,000 participants at the end of each month that were not re-verified for eligibility in a timely manner. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Department was able to reduce the number of

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-02.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

**CFDA No.: 93.778** 

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-03 Complete Eligibility Applications and Annual Eligibility Re-Verifications in a Timely Manner (continued)

participants for which eligibility reverification was not completed in a timely manner to 1,033 participants.

While authorized overtime was a means to reduce the overdue applications and re-verifications, the Eligibility Branch was not able to sufficiently prioritize applicants/participants by application/re-determination date to eliminate the backlog.

Effect: The backlog of applications pending eligibility determinations and overdue annual reverifications increases the risk that ineligible recipients may continue receive benefits or that eligible applicants may not receive benefits in a timely manner.

Questioned costs: None

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

Part III - Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-04 Perform ADP System Risk Analysis and System Security Review

*Criteria:* Title 45 CFR Part 95.621 requires the conducting of a review of the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) system on a biennial basis. At a minimum, the review shall include an evaluation of physical and data security operating procedures and personnel practices.

Condition, cause and context: We noted that the last ADP system risk analysis and system security review was conducted in April 2008. Medical Assistance Program management indicated that the biennial risk analysis and security review was not conducted due to the lack of resources.

*Effect:* The system serves as a critical control over participant eligibility and the processing of payments. Therefore, the lack of biennial system reviews increases the risk that non-compliance with regard to utilization, fraud and accuracy of claims could go undetected.

Questioned costs: None

Finding resolved.

**CFDA No.: 93.778** 

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-05 Improve Controls over Utilization, Fraud and Accuracy of Medicaid Claims

Criteria: Title 42 CFR Part 456 Subpart A requires statewide program of control of the utilization of all Medicaid services. In addition, Title 42 CFR 456.23 requires a post payment review process that allows State personnel to review recipient utilization and provider service profiles and exception criteria to identify and correct misutilization practices of recipients and providers. Lastly, Title 42 Part 455.13 requires the Medicaid agency to have methods for identification, investigation, and referral of fraudulent activity.

Condition, cause and context: During our review, we noted that the primary controls used to prevent unnecessary utilization of care and services and to ensure proper and accurate payment of Medicaid claims were front-end controls such as pre-payment edit functions contained in Hawaii Prepaid Medical Management Information System (HPMMIS) and an extensive list of medical services and procedures which require prior authorization. However, we noted deficiencies in the back-end control activities required by Title 42 CFR Part 456 Subpart A, Title 42 CFR 456.23, and Title 42 Part 455.13.

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-03.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

**CFDA No.: 93.778** 

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-05 Improve Controls over Utilization, Fraud and Accuracy of Medicaid Claims (continued)

More specifically, we noted the following conditions:

- The Department has contracted a Peer Review Organization (PRO) to perform certain utilization control activities such as acute hospital reviews, pre-admission screening and resident reviews (PASRR) for nursing facilities and long-term care determinations. In order for the PRO to perform such reviews, claims samples must meet specific claims sampling criteria which are determined by the MQD through the use of the Warehouse (DW) and Data additional information obtained from providers and health plans. The MQD is backlogged in generating samples for managed care claims. The latest sample generated for managed care claims during fiscal year end June 30, 2013 was for calendar year 2011.
- There is still no formal ongoing post payment review of a sample of claims. It has been over nine years since the last review and the monitoring of ACS, its pharmacy benefits manager (PBM). That report issued by an independent healthcare auditing and consulting company recommended the need to explore additional edits, analysis, and reporting in order to expand anti-fraud efforts.

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

CFDA No.: 93.778

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-05 Improve Controls over Utilization, Fraud and Accuracy of Medicaid Claims (continued)

• The Medicaid Investigations Unit (MIU) is an important component of identifying and investigating fraudulent activity. In the past, this unit was comprised of one individual and in June 2008, this individual retired from the DHS. The position was later filled by other individuals during the months of January to June 2011 and March to December 2012. To date, the position remains vacant. However, DHS is currently in the process of looking to fill the position.

The DHS continues to experience challenges to improve back-end control activities due to limitations in resources and staffing.

Effect: Weaknesses in back-end control activities may result in the risk of failure to identify and correct misutilization practices and potential fraud. More specifically we noted the backlog in generating managed care claims samples according to specific sampling criteria has delayed the process of reviewing managed care claims for PRO functions.

Questioned costs: None

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III - Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-06 Allowable Costs Under Individualized Plans for Employment

*Criteria:* In accordance with 29 USC Section 723 (a), vocational rehabilitation services provided under this subchapter are any services described in an individualized plan for employment developed for the individual. All services listed in the participant's individualized plan for employment are considered to be allowable activities.

Condition, cause and context: Out of 74 payments selected we noted 22 payments that were not listed in the related participants' individualized plan for employment resulting in the overpayment of benefits of \$4,618.

The Department's policies and procedures allow for revision to the individualized plan for employment as necessary, however, personnel handling the cases of these individuals were not diligent in revising the individualized plans. Department personnel indicated that they are experiencing challenges in updating the individualized plans due to staffing requirements.

*Effect:* Failing to follow the policies and procedures resulted in questioned costs and non-compliance with the program requirements.

Questioned costs: \$4,618

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-04

CFDA No.:84.126

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

#### Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-07 Complete Eligibility Determinations in a Timely Manner

Criteria: In accordance with 29 U.S. Code 722(a)(6), the Department must determine whether an individual is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days, after the individual has submitted an application for services, unless exceptional and unforeseen circumstances exist beyond the Department's control and the Department and the applicant agree to a specific extension of time.

Condition and context: The Department did not always follow its policies and procedures to document a specific extension of time signed by both the counselor and applicant. Specifically, for 5 of 60 applications tested, it took between 61 and 107 days to determine eligibility. For these applications, the Department did not obtain a signed extension letter with the applicant.

To ensure compliance with the timely eligibility determination, on a monthly basis DHS provides to each counselor a list of the counselor's assigned outstanding cases. The counselors are instructed to prioritize cases that are close to the 60 day eligibility deadline. Program management stated that a lack of diligence and high caseloads are the primary cause of these errors.

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-05.

CFDA No.: 84.126

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

**Status** 

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

2013-07 Complete Eligibility Determinations in a CFDA No.: 84.126 Timely Manner (continued)

*Effect:* Failure to make eligibility determinations in a timely manner may result in a delay of services provided.

Questioned costs: None

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-08 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Reporting

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 5 out of 13 subawards for testing and noted that the Department did not adhere to the required reporting deadlines for all 5 subawards. Program management indicated that they were aware of the requirement, but did not have access to the FFATA reporting database until subsequent to the fiscal year end.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

Finding resolved.

**CFDA No.: 14.238** 

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

#### 2013-09 Improve the Accuracy of Child Care Reimbursements

Criteria: Title 45 CFR Section 98.67 requires that the Department expend and account for Child Care and Development funds in accordance with their own laws and procedures for expending and accounting for their own funds. According to Chapter 17-798.2 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), child care payments will include the monthly cost of child care per child, which will be made in accordance with the established fee scale and rate table as stipulated in the HAR.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 70 case files for testing and noted nine instances where the information used in the Child Care Worksheet to calculate the eligible child care payments was incorrect. These errors resulted in the following:

- 6 instances in which benefit payments totaling \$1,296 were underpaid to participants.
- 1 instance in which benefit payments totaling \$40 was overpaid to participants.
- 2 instances where the income calculation was incorrect, however there was no impact to the benefits paid.

These errors were due to clerical mistakes or lack of proper oversight.

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-07.

CFDA No.:93.575 and 93.596

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

Recommendations

**Status** 

CFDA No.:93.575 and 93.596

**Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)** 

2013-09 Improve the Accuracy of Child Care **Reimbursements (continued)** 

Effect: Failure to properly calculate child care payments resulted in over and under payments of benefits.

Questioned costs: \$40

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

## 2013-10 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Reporting

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 2 out of 4 subawards for testing and noted that the Department did not adhere to the required reporting deadlines for all of the selected subawards. Program management indicated that they were aware of the requirement but due to insufficient staffing, were unable to report on a timely basis.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

CFDA No.:93.575 and 93.596

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-08.

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

#### Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-11 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations

CFDA No.:93.568

Criteria: Title 42 USC Chapter 94 Section 8624(b)(2) allows the Department to provide assistance to (a) households in which one or more individuals are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or certain needs-tested veterans benefits; or (b) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of 150 percent of the State's established poverty level, or 60 percent of the State median income.

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 60 case files for testing and noted the following:

- 1 case file could not be located and therefore we could not test the accuracy of the eligibility determination resulting in the overpayment of benefits in the amount of \$306.
- 6 instances where the income information used in the LIHEAP Determination form to calculate the eligible credit amount were incorrect resulting in the overpayment of benefits in the amount of \$204.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that case files are established and/or maintained for each applicant and that the required eligibility documentation is in the file, there This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-19.

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

**Status** 

CFDA No.:93.568

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-11 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

was a lack of diligence in following the policies and procedures.

Effect: Failure to properly maintain the required case records, related verification forms and properly calculate the benefit amount limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. Further, there is a risk of inaccurate eligibility determinations resulting in ineligible applicants receiving benefits and/or eligible participants receiving excess/deficient benefit amounts.

Questioned costs: \$510

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-12 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Reporting

*Criteria:* 2 CFR Part 170 requires an entity to report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in federal funds for a subaward to an entity. This information is to be reported no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made.

Condition, cause and context: We selected 9 out of 29 subawards for testing and noted the Department did not adhere to the required reporting deadlines and required data elements for all 9 subawards. Management became aware of the FFATA reporting requirements in July 2012. Shortly thereafter, management obtained access to the FFATA reporting database; however, management did not submit the subaward data until November 2012. Additionally, the subaward information reported was the total expenditure amount instead of the awarded amount as required, resulting in erroneous information reported for 3 out of the 9 subawards selected.

*Effect:* The Department did not comply with the FFATA reporting requirements.

Questioned costs: None

This finding is still applicable. See finding

CFDA No.:93.667

2014-09.

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

#### Status

#### Part III - Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

#### 2013-13 Tracking Earmarked Funds

Criteria: 42 USC 604(d)(3)(A) and 9902(2) requires an entity to use all of the amount transferred in from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (CDFA 93.558) program to provides services to children or their families whose income is less than 200 percent of the official poverty guideline as revised annually by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Condition, cause and context: The Social Services Block Grant program receives transfers of funds from the TANF program to provide benefits to participants subject to the aforementioned income requirement. Although the Social Services Block Grant program used the TANF funds for allowable activities, program management indicated that they were not aware of the income requirement and consequently did not monitor or gather/maintain documentation to support compliance with the above income requirement.

*Effect:* Failure to monitor and document program participants' income resulted in non-compliance.

Questioned costs: \$9,214,201

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-10.

CFDA No.:93.667

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

# 2013-14 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations

Criteria: Title 42 USC Section 673 governs the criteria over the allowable cost and eligibility of participants. Additionally, Title 45 CFR 92.42 requires that the Department retain all financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records of grantees for three years.

*Condition, cause and context:* We selected 60 case files for testing and noted the following:

- 1 case file where the participant was incorrectly categorized as eligible in 2006 resulting in the overpayment of benefits in 2013 of \$12,510.
- 1 case file which could not be located and therefore we could not determine eligibility resulting in the overpayment of benefits in the amount of \$887.

Although the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that case files are established and/or maintained for each applicant and that the required eligibility documentation is in the file, there was a lack of diligence in following the policies and procedures.

Finding resolved.

CFDA No.:93.659

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

**Status** 

CFDA No.:93.659

Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

## 2013-14 Maintaining Proper Case Documentation to Support Eligibility Determinations (continued)

*Effect:* Failure to properly maintain the required case records limits the ability of the Department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. Additionally, errors in the data entry process increase the risk of inaccurate eligibility determinations resulting in ineligible participants receiving benefits.

Questioned costs: \$13,397

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

### 2013-15 Monitor the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program

*Criteria:* The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, as set forth in Section 1927 of the Social Security Act requires the Department to maintain drug utilization data that identifies the number of units of each covered outpatient drug for which the Department reimbursed providers. The number of units is applied to the unit rebate amount to determine the actual rebate amount due from each manufacturer.

Condition, cause and context: The Department subcontracts the daily operations of the drug rebate program to Xerox, including billing, collection, accounting, and dispute resolution. While the day-to-day operations of the drug rebate program have been subcontracted to Xerox, the Department is still ultimately accountable for the drug rebate program. We noted that the Department does not perform monitoring of subcontractor activities. Due to the complexity involved in the drug rebate calculations, the Department does not have the necessary resources and staffing requirements to perform monitoring procedures of subcontractor activities.

*Effect:* The lack of subcontractor monitoring activities may result in the risk that the drug rebates are not being calculated correctly and accurately reported.

Questioned costs: None

This finding is still applicable. See finding 2014-21.

CFDA No.:93.778

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (continued) June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations

Status

#### Part III – Federal Award Finding and Questioned Costs Section (continued)

#### **2013-16 Suspension and Debarment**

Criteria: Title 2 CFR Section 180.300 states that when entering into a covered transaction with an entity at a lower tier, the non-federal entity must verify that the entity is not suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from federal contracts. This verification may be accomplished by checking the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), collecting a certification from the entity, or adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that entity. Covered transactions include procurement contracts for goods and services that are expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 and all nonprocurment transactions (that is, subawards to subrecipients) irrespective of award amount (Title 2 CFR Sections 180.210 through 180.220 and 180.970).

Condition, cause and context: We selected 2 subawards to subrecipients and noted that the Department did not verify that the 2 subrecipients were not suspended or debarred from federal contracts. Program management asserted that they were not aware of the requirement to verify that the subrecipient was not suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from federal contracts. We searched the EPLS and verified that the subrecipients for the procurements awards tested were not suspended or debarred.

*Effect:* Failure to follow proper procurement standards could result in payments to excluded parties.

Finding resolved.

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#### Recommendations

**Status** 

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*Effect:* Failure to follow proper procurement standards could result in payments to excluded parties.

Questioned costs: None