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Patrick Allen, Director
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Dear Mr. Allen:

We have completed audit work of a selected federal program at the Oregon Health Authority (department) for the year ended June 30, 2020.

<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Audit Amount</u>
10.557	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	\$ 55,993,089

This audit work was not a comprehensive audit of your federal program. We performed this federal compliance audit as part of our annual Statewide Single Audit. The Single Audit is a very specific and discrete set of tests to determine compliance with federal funding requirements, and does not conclude on general efficiency, effectiveness, or state-specific compliance issues. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement identifies internal control and compliance requirements for federal programs. Auditors review and test internal controls over compliance for all federal programs selected for audit and perform specific audit procedures only for those compliance requirements that are direct and material to the federal program under audit. For the year ended June 30, 2020, we determined whether the department substantially complied with the following compliance requirements relevant to the federal program under audit.

Compliance Requirement	General Summary of Audit Procedures Performed
Activities Allowed or Unallowed	Determined whether federal awards were expended only for allowable activities.
Allowable Costs/Cost Principles	Determined whether charges to federal awards were for allowable costs and that indirect costs were appropriately allocated.
Cash Management	Confirmed program costs were paid for before federal reimbursement was requested, or federal cash drawn in advance was for an immediate need, and applicable interest was reported/remitted.

Compliance Requirement	General Summary of Audit Procedures Performed
Eligibility	Determined whether only eligible individuals and organizations received assistance under federal programs, and amounts provided were calculated in accordance with program requirements.
Period of Performance	Determined whether federal funds were used only during the authorized performance period.

Internal Control over Compliance

Department management 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 department’s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), 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 department’s internal control over compliance.

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. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this communication 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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We appreciate your staff’s assistance and cooperation during this audit. Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Rock, Lead Auditor at michelle.l.rock@oregon.gov or Julianne Kennedy, Audit Manager at julianne.kennedy@oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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