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**REPORTS ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OF THE
MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS
(A DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SELECTED BY THE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

Mark Smith, Executive Director
And Office of the State Auditor
Mississippi Veterans Affairs
(A Department of the State of Mississippi)
Jackson, Mississippi

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 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) of Mississippi Veterans Affairs (the Department), a Department of the State of Mississippi, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the schedule, and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the schedule, we considered the Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the schedule, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control.

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. 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.

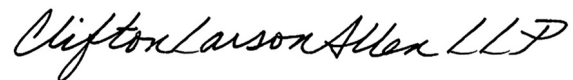
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's schedule is free from 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 schedule. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
May 21, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR
FEDERAL PROGRAMS SELECTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**

Mark Smith, Executive Director
And Office of the State Auditor
Mississippi Veterans Affairs
(A Department of the State of Mississippi)
Jackson, Mississippi

Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal awards for federal programs selected by the Office of the State Auditor (the Schedule) of Mississippi Department of Veterans Affairs (the Department), a Department of the State of Mississippi, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the Schedule as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the Schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of federal awards for the programs selected by the Office of the State Auditor of the Department for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S.Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Schedule

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the schedule.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the schedule.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Department' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the schedule.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 21, 2024, on our consideration of the Department'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Department's 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 Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
May 21, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM SELECTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR**

Mark Smith, Executive Director
And Office of the State Auditor
Mississippi Veterans Affairs
(A Department of the State of Mississippi)
Jackson, Mississippi

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Mississippi Department of Veterans Affairs' (the Department), a Department of the State of Mississippi, compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Department's major federal programs selected by the Office of the State Auditor for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Department's major federal programs selected by the Office of the State Auditor are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Department complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Department's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Department's federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Department's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Department's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Department's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Department's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 a 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
May 21, 2024

**MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS SELECTED BY THE OFFICE
OF THE STATE AUDITOR
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Federal Grantor, Program, or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Pass through to Subrecipient
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs			
Veterans State Nursing Home Care	64.015	\$ 35,877,836	\$ -
Total U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs		<u>35,877,836</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Federal Expenditures		 <u><u>\$ 35,877,836</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for Federal Programs Selected by the Office of the State Auditor.

MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS SELECTED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for Federal Programs Selected by the Office of the State Auditor (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity for federal programs reported in the Schedule. These programs were selected for audit by the Office of the State Auditor and do not represent all of the federal expenditures of Mississippi Veterans Affairs. The Schedule is presented on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*.

The information in this Schedule is also presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.

Expenditures of selected federal award grant funds are made for the purposes specified by the grantor and are subject to certain restrictions. Expenditures are also subject to audit by the relevant federal agency. In the opinion of management, disallowed costs, if any, from such audits will not have a material effect on this Schedule or the financial position of Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

NOTE 2 INDIRECT COSTS

Mississippi Veterans Affairs did not elect to use the 10% de minimis cost rate for indirect costs.

**MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS SELECTED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Financial Statements

1. Type auditors' report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes _____ X no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? _____ yes _____ X none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes _____ X no

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes _____ X no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? _____ yes _____ X none reported
2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a)? _____ yes _____ X no

Identification of Major Federal Programs

ALN Number(s)

64.015

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

Veterans State Nursing Home Care

**MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS SELECTED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

