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OIG Report: FY 2024 Assessment of the Social Security Administration's Charge Card Programs

A report issued February 28, 2025, found the risk of illegal, improper, and erroneous purchases made through the Social Security Administration's (SSA) charge card programs is low. The assessment by SSA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is statutorily required by the *Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012* (Public Law 112–194).

SSA reported the Agency had approximately \$33 million in purchase card spending and/or approximately \$9 million in travel card and centrally billed account spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The *Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act* requires SSA OIG to identify and analyze risks of illegal, improper, and erroneous use of purchase and travel cards when SSA has \$10 million in annual purchases and/or \$10 million in travel spending.

For FYs 2013 to 2023, OIG determined the risk of illegal, improper, or erroneous purchases made through charge card programs was low. Because the Agency had not made significant changes to its controls since the 2023 assessment, SSA OIG determined the risk in FY 2024 remained low.

Status of Recommendations and Charge Card Violations

There were no open or closed prior-year recommendations from the SSA OIG pertaining to SSA's charge card programs. In addition, there were no current year audit recommendations to report to US Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

As required by the *Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act*, SSA OIG and SSA reported to OMB that SSA had no known, and completed reviews and investigations of, use or abuse of purchase cards that resulted in fraud, loss to the government, or misappropriation of funds or assets in FY 2024.

SSA staff reported only three instances of misuse or delinquency in purchase and travel card accounts. Specifically, SSA reported one instance of disciplinary actions for misuse of a purchase card and two instances of delinquent travel card accounts.

SSA had no ongoing investigations or legal proceedings relevant to purchase and travel card programs. Read the full report [here](#).

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