Objective

To report internal control weaknesses, noncompliance issues, and unallowable costs identified in the single audit to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for resolution.

Background

A single audit is an organization-wide financial statement and Federal awards audit of a non-Federal entity that expends $750,000 or more in Federal funds in 1 year. It is intended to assure the Government that a non-Federal entity has adequate internal controls in place and is generally in compliance with program requirements. Non-Federal entities typically include State governments, local governments, Indian tribes, universities, and nonprofit organizations.

KPMG LLP conducted the single audit of the State of Illinois. SSA is responsible for resolving single audit findings related to its disability programs. The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is the Illinois Disability Determination Services’ parent agency.

Findings

The single audit reported IDHS did not have adequate controls to ensure secured access to its information systems. We recommended corrective action to SSA on this finding in a prior report. In September 2019, SSA informed us corrective actions were taken to ensure secured information system access. Therefore, we are not making a recommendation.

In addition, the single audit reported IDHS inaccurately reported Federal expenditures to the Illinois Office of the Comptroller for several programs, including SSA, and did not return refunded retirement costs to Federal programs, including SSA, on a timely basis.

The Department of Health and Human Services will resolve these findings on the Government’s behalf. Therefore, we are bringing these matters to your attention, but we are not making recommendations.