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September 20, 2023

TO: Jackie Contreras, Ph.D., Director  
Department of Public Social Services

FROM: Oscar Valdez  
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES – CALFRESH FOOD  
AND NUTRITION SERVICE 209 REPORT VALIDATION REVIEW -  
QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Background**

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS or Department) administers the California CalFresh program (known federally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in Los Angeles County to provide eligible households with financial assistance to increase their food purchasing power. The Department provides CalFresh recipients with monthly benefits based on their household size and income.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) requires DPSS to report CalFresh over-issuance claims and collections to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on a quarterly basis using the FNS-209 report. DPSS electronically submits this report in the State's claims management system (i.e., California Statewide Automated Welfare System or CalSAWS). In the All County Letter (ACL) No. 19-65 dated July 16, 2019, CDSS also indicated DPSS is required to submit annual reviews validating the accuracy of their June quarterly reports, including a formal validation letter signed by either the County of Los Angeles Department of Auditor-Controller, an external auditor outside of DPSS, or an independent certified public accountant.

## **Review Scope and Objectives**

At DPSS' request, we reviewed their FNS-209 report for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 (attached). We confirmed with CDSS that DPSS' internal auditors would complete an internal validation review of this report in accordance with ACL No. 19-65 requirements and our review would be limited to validating their work. Our review included verifying DPSS auditor's testwork and validation methodology. We also interviewed DPSS' auditors, management, and staff responsible for preparing the quarterly report, and reviewed supporting documents, such as procedures, auditor workpapers, and internal reports from CalSAWS.

## **Review Summary**

On September 13, 2023, we completed our validation review of DPSS' FNS-209 report for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. We reviewed testwork performed by DPSS internal auditors and verified their validation of the FNS-209 report, including the total number of claims, dollar amounts, and collections information.

If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may contact Mike Pirolo at [mpirolo@auditor.lacounty.gov](mailto:mpirolo@auditor.lacounty.gov).

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c: Audit Committee

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

1a. COUNTY NAME  
Los Angeles

2a. QUARTER COVERED  
3

STATUS OF CLAIMS AGAINST HOUSEHOLDS

1a. COUNTY CODE  
19

2b. FISCAL YEAR  
2023

CLAIMS SUMMARY	A. INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATION		B. INADVERTENT HOUSEHOLD ERROR		C. STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR	
	NUMBER	AMOUNT	NUMBER	AMOUNT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
3a. BEGINNING BALANCE	7,470	\$14,414,742.71	223,005	\$116,836,928.09	234,376	\$55,205,682.01
b. BALANCE ADJUSTMENTS (±)	(2)	(\$43,486.28)	(87)	(\$988,835.73)	246	(\$292,365.94)
4. NEWLY ESTABLISHED	0	\$0.00	8,294	\$9,740,502.01	15,819	\$5,573,398.32
5. TRANSFER (±)	29	\$103,262.42	(28)	(\$102,832.42)	(1)	(\$430.00)
6. REFUNDS (20a-20b)		\$0.00		\$124,133.19		\$55,863.62
7. TOTAL (3a-3b+4+5+6)	7,497	\$14,474,518.85	231,184	\$125,609,895.14	250,440	\$60,542,148.01
8. CLOSED	33		4,142		6,118	
9. TERMINATED	2	\$3,465.00	174	\$265,544.88	1,475	\$61,897.19
10. COMPROMISED	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$425,893.99
11a. COLLECTION (18a)		\$118,525.42		\$4,609,534.28		\$2,877,322.06
b. COLLECTION ADJ. (18b+18c)		(\$19,366.95)		(\$932,070.34)		(\$400,334.61)
12. TOTAL	35	\$102,623.47	4,316	\$3,943,008.82	7,593	\$2,964,778.63
13. ENDING BALANCE	7,462	\$14,371,896.38	226,868	\$121,666,886.32	242,847	\$57,577,369.38


COLLECTION SUMMARY

14. CASH, CHECK, M.O.	14.	\$41,071.42	14.	\$2,168,080.03	14.	\$967,051.10
15. FOOD STAMPS	15.	\$0.00	15.	\$190,317.25	15.	\$155,776.96
16. RECOUPMENT	16.	\$75,714.00	16.	\$2,092,340.00	16.	\$1,754,494.00
17. OFFSET	17.	\$1,740.00	17.	\$158,797.00	17.	
18a. TOTAL (14+15+16+17)	18a.	\$118,525.42	18a.	\$4,609,534.28	18a.	\$2,877,322.06
b. CASH ADJUSTMENTS (±)	18b.	-18,993.95	18b.	-924,317.34	18b.	-398,317.35
c. NON-CASH ADJUSTMENTS (±)	18c.	-373.00	18c.	-7,753.00	18c.	-2,017.26
19. TRANSFERS (±)	19.	\$19,855.58	19.	(\$19,855.58)	19.	\$0.00
20a. CASH REFUNDS	20a.	\$0.00	20a.	\$122,530.20	20a.	\$55,644.62
b. NON-CASH REFUNDS	20b.	\$0.00	20b.	\$1,602.99	20b.	\$219.00
21. TOTAL (18a+b+c+19+20a+20b)	21.	\$119,014.05	21.	\$3,533,475.17	21.	\$2,421,123.83

22. RETENTION AMOUNT	22.	\$41,654.92	22.	\$706,695.03
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23. NET CASH COLLECTION (14+18b-20a)	23.	\$1,656,399.09	29. REMARKS
24. TOTAL STATE AGENCY RETENTION (22A+22B)	24.	\$748,349.95	Line 14 TOP Cycle Collections: Cycle # 2314 \$244,789.37 Cycle # 2315 \$205,771.65 Cycle # 2316 \$145,914.65 Cycle # 2317 \$183,086.94 Cycle # 2318 \$177,418.34 Cycle # 2319 \$165,081.23 Cycle # 2320 \$195,558.11 Cycle # 2321 \$120,784.64 Cycle # 2322 \$188,153.00 Cycle # 2323 \$83,672.75 Cycle # 2324 \$53,311.46 Cycle # 2325 \$54,659.34 Cycle # 2326 \$59,727.52 Total \$1,877,929.00
25. LOC ADJUSTMENT (±) (23-24)	25.	\$908,049.14	Note: Line 18b includes timing adjustments for IPV \$ (18,977.55), IHE \$ ((901,506.08)), and SAE \$ (370,610.01) to align TOP Cycle collection reporting in the current quarter based on CFL No 15/16-63.
26. REIMBURSEMENTS DUE FNS	26.	\$0.00	
27. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS	27.	\$0.00	
28. TOTAL LETTER OF CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS (25+26-27)	28.	\$908,049.14	

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

30. DATE 7/27/23	31. TITLE Welfare Director	32. SIGNATURE (Jackie Contreras) Ph.D. 
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