

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**REVIEW OF OVERPAYMENT  
COLLECTIONS BY AID TO FAMILIES  
WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)  
BY SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)**



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James W. Ellenbecker, Secretary  
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Dear Mr. Ellenbecker:

This letter provides you with the results of our review of Overpayment Collections made under the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program by the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS). The objective of our review was to determine whether the DSS remitted the Federal share of AFDC overpayment collections to the Federal government after the program was repealed.

We determined the DSS has adequate systems in place to identify, collect, account for, and remit the Federal share of AFDC overpayments.

### **Scope of Review**

Our review was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, except our review objectives did not require evaluation of the internal control structure. The objective of our review was to determine whether the State of South Dakota remitted the Federal share of AFDC overpayment collections to the Federal government after the program was repealed. We examined supporting documentation for AFDC overpayments collected by the State of South Dakota from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 2000.

To achieve our objective, we reviewed applicable sections of program instructions issued by the ACF and Federal regulations at 45 CFR 233.20. We interviewed personnel responsible for operations, support, and integrity of AFDC overpayments.

We examined copies of the Forms ACF-231 for the period October 1, 1995 through December 31, 1996 prepared by the State of South Dakota. We considered other information provided to us, such as supporting documentation for AFDC overpayment data.

Our fieldwork was performed at the offices of the DSS in Pierre, South Dakota during July 2001.

**Results of Review**

The DSS remitted payment for the Federal share of AFDC overpayments collected since the program was repealed on September 30, 1996. The Federal share of those collections was \$87,099 for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 2000.

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A response to this letter is not necessary. The results of this review will be included in a consolidated report to the ACF.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Greg Tambke, OIG, OAS, at (573) 893-8338 extension 28. Please refer to the Common Identification Number (CIN) in all correspondence about this report.

Sincerely,



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