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1030978	2021-004	<p>Finding:</p> <p>Corrective Action:</p> <p>Completion Date:</p> <p>Agency Contact:</p>	<p>The Department of Health did not have adequate internal controls over and did not comply with requirements to ensure provider payments were allowable and met cost principles for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.</p> <p>The Department partially agrees with the finding.</p> <p>As a result of the Department’s review, there were only five payments/exceptions that did not contain any support from the subrecipient, for a revised total known questioned costs of \$273,614.</p> <p>To address the control weakness identified, an additional control was implemented. In July 2021, the program hired a quality assurance position to create another layer of review of A19 payment requests. This position reviews payment documentation to ensure compliance with the Department’s internal policies.</p> <p>The Department respectfully disagrees with the number of exceptions and questioned costs identified. While the level of support did not meet our internal policies, which are held to a higher standard than federal requirements, the totality of our subrecipient monitoring processes and level of documentation received from the subrecipient accounting system provided assurance that many of the provider payments in question met federal cost principles for allowability.</p> <p>By July 2023, the Department will consult with the grantor and obtain resolution on whether the questioned costs identified in the audit should be repaid.</p> <p>Corrective action is expected to be complete by July 2023</p> <p>Jeff Arbuckle External Audit Manager PO Box 47890 Olympia, WA 98504-7890 (360) 701-0798 Jeff.Arbuckle@doh.wa.gov</p>

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1029637	2020-001	<p>Finding:</p> <p>Corrective Action:</p> <p>Completion Date:</p> <p>Agency Contact:</p>	<p>The Department of Health lacked adequate internal controls for ensuring compliance with state regulations for providing meals to employees and training attendees.</p> <p>The Department concurs that not all meals provided during meetings were within per diem guidelines established in the State Administrative and Accounting Manual (SAAM). However, the Department disagrees that internal controls and documentation are inadequate to ensure compliance with state regulations for meal purchases.</p> <p>The Department has a policy in place that established sufficient internal controls for meals with meetings under normal business operations. The Governor’s proclamation during the COVID pandemic required the Department to provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident-related assessments. As a result, the Department’s priority was to ensure the safety of the response-activated employees over creating additional policies and procedures.</p> <p>To address the audit recommendations, the Department will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft an addendum to its current Meals with Meetings policy for leadership review and approval. The amended policy will include protocol for response activities during an emergency. • Strengthen its review process to ensure purchased meals follow SAAM guidelines and requirements. <p>Corrective action is expected to be complete by July 2023</p> <p>Jeff Arbuckle External Audit Manager PO Box 47890 Olympia, WA 98504-7890 (360) 701-0798 Jeff.Arbuckle@doh.wa.gov</p>