ODP Audit Requirements for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Reporting Period

The audit requirements for providers delivering services under the Consolidated or P/FDS Waivers (Waivers) vary based on the services rendered by the provider and the associated level of expenditures. The audit requirements are published annually in the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Cost Report Instructions document. Prior to the release of the Year 5 Cost Report Instructions for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/2012 historical expense period, ODP is issuing this information to outline the audit requirements that will be effective for the Year 5 Cost Report period (i.e., July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). Providers should carefully review the following list, as some items are specific to providers who deliver Base services, Waiver Cost Report, Fee Schedule and Outcomes-based services, transportation services, and Agency with Choice (AWC) services. Any questions related to this announcement or to the audit requirements in general should be directed to ODP Regional Fiscal Officers.

All Waiver services whose FY 2013/2014 rates will be developed based on the ODP Cost Report (i.e., Waiver Cost Report-based services) are deemed to be subrecipient services. Federal awards expended as a subrecipient are subject to all Federal audit requirements, including OMB Circular A-133 and Title 45 CFR 74.26. Providers who meet these criteria must submit their audit to the Bureau of Audits (BOA), as well as upload it to the ODP cost report website.

If a provider does not have expenses during FY 2011/2012 for services whose rates will be Waiver Cost Report-based for FY 2013/2014 but does have expenses during FY 2011/2012 for Waiver services that will be paid based on a Fee Schedule or Outcomes-based payment in FY 2013/2014, the provider is not required to submit an independent audit to ODP. However, if the service was a Waiver Cost Report-based service during FY 2011/2012, the provider will still be required to submit their audit to the Bureau of Audits no later than nine months after the close of the provider’s fiscal year. In FY 2011/2012 these services include licensed day – adult training facilities, prevocational services, supported employment services, transitional work services, home and community habilitation (unlicensed) and waiver funded respite services. Please note that ONLY audits that include FY 2011/2012 residential expense need to be uploaded to the ODP cost report website and will be subject to the audit desk review.

1. Any provider who signs a county contract for Base funds is required to comply with the terms of the contract.

2. A provider that expends less than $300,000 in combined federal and Commonwealth funds during the FY 2011/2012 reporting period is exempt from Department of Public Welfare (DPW) audit requirements for the Waiver program, but is required to maintain auditable records for each program year. Records should be available for review by DPW or its designee. If an audit is required for other programs in which the provider may participate, the provider must include the Waiver program in the audit and submit a copy of the audit, even if funds expended are less than $300,000.

3. Providers who expend $300,000 or more in combined federal and Commonwealth funds during the FY 2011/2012 reporting period (but less than $500,000) are not required to have a Compliance Attestation completed in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ (AICPA) Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 10 (AT § 601, Compliance Attestation). This may be a requirement in future years of the prospective payment system (PPS). For the FY 2011/2012 reporting period, providers who meet these expenditure criteria are exempt from DPW audit requirements for the Waiver program. However, providers are required to maintain auditable records for each program year and the records should be available for review by DPW or its designee. If an audit is required for other programs in which the provider may participate, the provider must include the Waiver program in the audit, and submit a copy of the audit, even if funds expended are less than $500,000.
4. Providers expending $500,000 or more in combined federal and Commonwealth funds during the FY 2011/2012 reporting period must have an independent audit of their financial statements conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), also known as the Yellow Book. In instances where the provider expends $500,000 or more in federal funds, they are subject to OMB Circular A-133 (Single Audit); Title 45, CFR 74.26 (federal guidance regarding audit requirements for for-profit entities) and any other federal requirements.

Please note that all for-profit entities that expend $500,000 or more in federal funds may choose to provide a program-specific Yellow Book audit, as permitted by Title 45 CFR 74.26. All providers that expend $500,000 or more in combined federal and Commonwealth funds, but less than $500,000 in federal funds are required to submit a Yellow Book audit.

For purposes of this requirement, a Yellow Book audit has the same meaning as is described in Yellow Book Section 2.07a, financial statement audits (the 2011 version of the Yellow Book). Such providers are required to submit a complete set of financial statements, including notes thereto, prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP), as of the provider’s fiscal year end. These financial statements must be audited in accordance with Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. As such, the auditor must include a report on the financial statements and also a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

5. Providers who incur expenses for Waiver Cost Report-based services and also have expenses for Fee Schedule Services and/or Outcomes Based services must meet the $500,000 threshold for subrecipient-type expenditures to meet the independent audit submission requirement. The total expenses for FY 2011/2012 Fee Schedule and Outcome Based services are not included in the determination of the $500,000 threshold. Base Funded Fee Schedule services and Base Funded Outcomes-based Services are also not included in the determination of the $500,000 threshold. However, if the provider is required to have a Single Audit or Yellow Book audit performed for other federal funding, such provider is required to submit a copy of its Single Audit or Yellow Book audit to ODP.

Additionally, if a provider has other lines of business where the services provided are deemed to be subrecipient-type services, the expenditures related to subrecipient-type services should be included in the determination of the $500,000 threshold. For example, if a provider has $300,000 in expenses for Waiver Cost report-based services, $400,000 in expenses for Fee Schedule Services, and $250,000 in expenses for services deemed to be subrecipient-type services related to the provider’s other line(s) of business, the provider would meet the $500,000 ($300,000+$250,000 = $550,000) threshold for subrecipient-type expenditures, thus requiring an independent audit submission. If in this example, the expenses for services deemed to be subrecipient-type services for the provider’s other line(s) of business were $150,000 instead of $250,000, the provider would not meet the $500,000 ($300,000+$150,000 = $450,000) threshold for subrecipient-type expenditures and would not be required to submit an independent audit.

All Providers whose rates will be based on a Year 5 cost report (residential and transportations) are required to submit an independent audit must includes a supplemental schedule in their audited financial statements that is specific to the Waiver line of business (LOB) expenses and revenues for the FY 2011/2012 reporting period.

Regardless of the RESIDENTIAL provider’s fiscal year end, the audited financial statements must also include an additional supplemental schedule that reconciles the Cost Report Waiver expenses and revenues (for the FY 2011/2012 reporting period, as reported in the Cost Report, to the Waiver LOB supplemental schedule of expenses and revenues identified in the audit.
Both of these supplemental schedules (Waiver LOB and reconciliation) must be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and include an opinion on whether these supplemental schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, as described in AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards No. 119, Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole (SAS 119) (AU §551). If the audit is on a reporting year other than fiscal year end 6/30 then the auditor does not need to issue an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

6. Residential Providers whose rates will be based on a Year 5 cost report (residential and transportations) are required to describe their cost allocation methodology within the appropriate expense allocation schedule of the Cost Report. If deemed necessary, ODP may request a copy of the provider’s cost allocation plan during the desk review process. For providers subject to audit, a separate audit opinion specific to the cost allocation plan is not required; disclosure of the cost allocation plan in the notes to the financial statements as part of the overall financial statement presentation is sufficient.

7. Non-County providers who incur expenses for Waiver Cost Report-based transportation services (per diem or trip) of $500,000 or more in combined federal and Commonwealth funds during the FY 2011/2012 reporting period must have an independent audit of their financial statements conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), also known as Yellow Book. In instances where the provider expends $500,000 or more in federal funds, they are subject to OMB Circular A-133 (Single Audit); Title 45, CFR 74.26 (federal guidance regarding audit requirements of for-profit entities) and any other federal requirements.

Please note that all for-profit entities that expend $500,000 or more in federal funds and choose to provide a program-specific Yellow Book audit, as permitted by Title 45 CFR 74.26, and all providers that expend $500,000 or more in combined federal and Commonwealth funds, but less than $500,000 in federal funds are required to submit a Yellow Book audit. For purposes of this requirement, a Yellow Book audit has the same meaning as is described in Yellow Book Section 2.07a, financial statement audits (the 2011 version of the Yellow Book). Such providers are required to submit a complete set of financial statements, including notes thereto, prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP), as of the provider’s fiscal year end. These financial statements must be audited in accordance with Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. As such, the auditor must include a report on the financial statements and also a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

County transportation providers must include the transportation expenses/revenues in their county audit.

8. An Agency with Choice (AWC) provider that is subject to federal audit requirements (e.g. OMB Circular A-133 [Single Audit], Title 45, CFR 74.26 [federal guidance regarding audit requirements of for-profit entities], et.al.) based on the other services the provider delivers, must include a supplemental schedule in their audited financial statements containing revenues and expenses that are specific to the AWC line of business. This supplemental schedule must be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and include an opinion on whether the supplemental schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, as described in AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards No. 119, Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole (SAS 119) (AU §551). If the audit is on a reporting year other than fiscal year end 6/30 then the auditor does not need to issue an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

An AWC provider with expenditures of $500,000 or more for Consolidated and P/FDS Waiver services (who is not subject to federal audit requirements, as described above) must submit an
independent audit of their financial statements conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), also known as Yellow Book. For purposes of this requirement, a Yellow Book audit has the same meaning as is described in Yellow Book Section 2.07a, financial statement audits (the 2011 version of the Yellow Book). Such providers are required to submit a complete set of financial statements, including notes thereto, prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP), as of the provider’s fiscal year end. These financial statements must be audited in accordance with Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. As such, the auditor must include a report on the financial statements and also a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

9. Providers should prepare their financial statements in accordance with US GAAP and 55 PA CODE Chapter 51, rather than the 4300 regulations.

Submission of Audited Financial Statements

For providers whose rates will be based on a Year 5 cost report (residential and transportsations subject to audit, failure to submit an audit within 9 months from the close of the provider’s accounting period (or by the due date of the Cost Report, whichever is later) will result in ODP assigning a payment rate(s) to the provider. Failure to submit a revised cost report due to differences resulting from audit adjustments, if applicable, within 30 days of the date the final audit was issued, may also result in ODP assigning a rate(s). Administrative Entities (AEs) may not grant AFS extensions for any providers whose of waiver services subject to Single Audit.

Providers who submit Cost Reports (and are subject to Single Audit) and do not anticipate being able to meet the AFS deadline, need to request an extension from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of the Budget, Comptroller Operations, Bureau of Audits (BOA) prior to the end of the nine month deadline. For providers not subject to Single Audit (e.g. those entities receiving a GAGAS audit), extensions must be requested in writing to ra-ratesetting@state.pa.us. Extensions may not be granted by AEs.

All audits for RESIDENTIAL providers should be uploaded to ODP via the Cost Report submission website and all A-133 or Title 45 audits associated with the ODP Waiver program must be submitted electronically to Bureau of Audits as noted below.

All providers that meet the thresholds must submit their Audits to BOA within the nine-month time frame.

Office of Comptroller Operations
Bureau of Audits
Special Audit Support Services
555 Walnut St — 9th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
RA-BOASingleAudit@state.pa.us

Instructions for submitting these audits to BOA can be obtained from their website: www.budget.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/single_audit_submissions/10670

Audit confirmation requests should be sent in writing to:
Office of Comptroller Operations
Division of Quality Assurance
c/o Steve Burkholder
555 Walnut St, 9th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
RA-QAPromiseConf@state.pa.us