



HIGHLIGHTS

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What OIG Audited

In FY 2021, improper and unknown federal payments government-wide totaled approximately \$281 billion. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) requires Inspectors General to annually determine whether agencies complied with the Act and established requirements for agencies that were deemed noncompliant.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted this audit to determine whether the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) complied with PIIA for FY 2021. As part of this objective, OIG also evaluated USAGM's efforts to prevent and reduce improper and unknown payments.

What OIG Recommends

OIG concluded that USAGM complied with payment integrity requirements for FY 2021; therefore, OIG is not offering any recommendations. USAGM's response to a draft of this report is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

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Audit of U.S. Agency for Global Media FY 2021 Compliance With Payment Integrity Requirements

What OIG Found

For the FY 2021 reporting period, OIG found that USAGM complied with payment integrity requirements, as presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Compliance With PIIA Criteria

Payment Integrity Criteria	Compliance
Published payment integrity information with the annual financial statement and in accompanying materials	Yes
Posted the annual financial statement and accompanying materials on the agency website	Yes
Conducted risk assessments	Yes
Concluded whether each program is likely to make improper and unknown payments above or below the statutory threshold	Yes
Published improper and unknown payment estimates*	N/A
Published corrective action plans*	N/A
Published reduction targets*	N/A
Demonstrated improvements to payment integrity or reached a tolerable rate*	N/A
Developed a plan to meet reduction target*	N/A
Reported estimate less than 10 percent for each program with a published estimate*	N/A

*Criteria did not apply because no program was identified as high risk.

Source: Prepared by OIG using criteria from Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123, Appendix C.

Specifically, OIG found that USAGM published on its website the FY 2021 financial statements and accompanying material, which included all applicable payment integrity information. In addition, USAGM conducted program-specific risk assessments and made appropriate conclusions related to the risk assessments. The programs subject to risk assessments during FY 2021 were found to be in compliance with PIIA requirements and are presented in Tables 1 and 2 in the Audit Results section of this report.

With respect to USAGM's efforts to prevent and reduce improper and unknown payments, OIG did not identify any needed improvements (including improper and unknown payments determination and estimation methodology, as well as actions to improve prevention and reduction).