



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## What OIG Audited

In FY 2024, improper and unknown federal payments government-wide totaled approximately \$162 billion. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) requires Inspectors General to annually determine whether agencies complied with the act and establishes requirements for agencies that are 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 2024. 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 2024; 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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Compliance With Payment Integrity Requirements

## What OIG Found

For the FY 2024 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

\*Criterion did not apply because no program was determined to be at significant risk for improper payments.

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

OIG found that USAGM published the FY 2024 financial statement and accompanying materials, which included all applicable payment integrity information, on its website. USAGM also conducted program-specific risk assessments and made appropriate conclusions related to those risk assessments. OIG found that USAGM complied with PIIA requirements for the programs subject to risk assessments during FY 2024. These programs are presented in Tables 1 and 2 in the Audit Results section of this report.

During the evaluation of USAGM's efforts to prevent and reduce improper payments, OIG did not identify any needed improvements involving improper and unknown payments determination, the associated estimation methodology, or actions necessary to improve prevention and reduction.