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What OIG Audited

In FY 2025, improper and unknown federal payments government-wide totaled approximately $186 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 2025. 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 did not comply with payment integrity requirements for FY 2025. OIG made one recommendation to improve compliance with PIIA. Based on USAGM's response to a draft of this report, OIG considerers the recommendation resolved, pending further action. USAGM's response is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

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Audit of U.S. Agency for Global Media FY 2025 Compliance With Payment Integrity Requirements

What OIG Found

For FY 2025, OIG found that USAGM did not comply 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.	No
Posted the annual financial statement and accompanying materials on the agency website.	No
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 did not publish required payment integrity disclosures with its FY 2025 financial statements or in the required accompanying material. In addition, USAGM did not include a required link to paymentaccuracy.gov in its FY 2025 agency financial report. The reduction in USAGM's workforce as well as organizational changes affected the agency's financial reporting environment and impacted its ability to prepare a complete agency financial report. However, USAGM conducted program-specific risk assessments and made appropriate conclusions related to those risk assessments. These programs are presented in Tables 1 and 2 in the Audit Results section of this report.

OIG did not identify any needed improvements involving improper and unknown payments determination or actions necessary to improve prevention and reduction.