

Marquette County

Report on Federal and State Awards

December 31, 2025

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**Report on Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
With *Government Auditing Standards***

Independent Auditors' Report

To the County Board of Supervisors of
Marquette County

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Marquette County (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 11, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The County's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Baker Tilly US, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madison, Wisconsin
August 11, 2026

**Report on Compliance
for Each Major Federal and Major State Program;
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and
Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
Required by the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines***

Independent Auditors' Report

To the County Board of Supervisors of
Marquette County

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and Major State Program

We have audited Marquette County's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* (the *Guidelines*) that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal and major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2025. The County's major federal and major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and the *Guidelines*. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the *Guidelines* are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal and state programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the *Guidelines* will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the *Guidelines*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *Guidelines*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2025-002, 2025-003, 2025-004, and 2025-005, to be significant deficiencies.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the *Guidelines*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the *Guidelines*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated August 11, 2026, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and the *Guidelines* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Madison, Wisconsin
September 28, 2026

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

Year Ended December 31, 2025

Grantor Agency / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Agency	Pass-Through Agency Grant ID	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
Federal Programs					
U. S. Department of Agriculture					
SNAP Cluster					
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	DHS	61, 284	\$ 120,080	\$ -
Total SNAP Cluster				120,080	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				120,080	-
U.S. Department of Justice					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	DOJ	2023-SCI-01-19224	14,100	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice				14,100	-
U.S. Department of Treasury					
COVID-19 Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	DHS	155811	187,729	-
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				187,729	-
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency					
State Indoor Radon Grants	66.032	DHS	150321	1,277	-
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				1,277	-
U.S. Department of Education					
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	DHS	550	21,440	-
Total U.S. Department of Education				21,440	-
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services					
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	DHS	560510	3,294	-
COVID-19 Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	DHS	560513	1,400	-
ALN 93.043 Subtotal				4,694	-

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards

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Year Ended December 31, 2025

Grantor Agency / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Agency	Pass-Through Agency Grant ID	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
Federal Programs					
Aging Cluster					
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	DHS	560340	\$ 30,553	\$ -
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	93.045	DHS	560355, 560360	81,028	-
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	DHS	560422	13,449	-
Total Aging Cluster				125,030	-
National Family Caregiver Support, Title III, Part E	93.052	DHS	560520	15,281	-
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	DHS	155015	34,265	-
Medicare Enrollment Assistance Program	93.071	DHS	560620	1,758	-
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	DHS	155020	2,651	-
COVID-19 Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	DHS	155809	33,224	-
ALN 93.268 Subtotal				35,875	-
State Health Insurance Assistance Program	93.324	DHS	560432	1,610	-
MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program	93.556	DCF	3306	33,310	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	DCF	3645D	14,023	-
Child Support Services	93.563	DCF	7332F, 7332R, 7477, 7482, 7506, 7623, 7623F	195,045	-
CCDF Cluster					
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	DCF	0831, 0840, 0852	18,063	-
Total CCDF Cluster				18,063	-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	DCF	3413, 3561, 3681	24,421	-
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	DCF	3413, 3554, 3561, 3645, 3681	161,724	-
Adoption Assistance	93.659	DCF	3574	3,720	-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	DHS	561	85,926	-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	DCF	3561, 3681	12,137	-
ALN 93.667 Subtotal				98,063	-

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Year Ended December 31, 2025

Grantor Agency / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Agency	Pass-Through Agency Grant ID	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
Federal Programs					
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	DHS	284	\$ 7,234	\$ -
Medicaid Cluster					
Grants to States for Medicaid	93.778	DHS	62, 284, 878, 560152, 560155	421,143	-
Grants to States for Medicaid	93.778	DHS	WIMCR	231,446	-
Total Medicaid Cluster				652,589	-
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	DHS	515, 569	10,192	-
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	DHS	515, 545, 546, 570	24,393	-
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health	93.967	DHS	155820	371	-
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	DHS	159220	5,793	-
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	DHS	159316, 159320	23,241	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				1,490,695	-
U.S. Department of Homeland Security					
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	DMA	2025-EMPG-01-14009	24,130	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				24,130	-
Total federal programs				\$ 1,859,451	\$ -

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Grantor Agency / Program Title	State ID Number	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
State Programs			
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection			
County Staff and Support	115.150	\$ 150,748	\$ -
Land and Water Resource Management	115.400	86,020	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection		236,768	-
Wisconsin Department of Transportation			
Specialized Transit County Operating Aids (Elderly & Disabled)	395.168	79,889	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Transportation		79,889	-
Wisconsin Department of Health Services			
FPI Non-Fed	435.000060	208	-
IMAA State Share	435.000283	80,656	-
IMAA Federal Share	435.000284	810	-
APS-Adult Protective Svcs	435.000312	18,630	-
Children's COP	435.000377	7,131	-
Coordinated Services-Cty	435.000515	16,325	-
Community Mental Health	435.000516	14,091	-
Birth To Three Initiative	435.000550	25,128	-
Basic County Allocation	435.000561	323,051	-
State/County Match	435.000681	44,921	-
CLTS Waiver Cwa Admin Gpr	435.000877	46,150	-
Comm Disease Ctrl & Prev	435.155800	3,180	-
Cons Contracts CHHD LD	435.157720	1,961	-
WH/FP RH 20.435 (1)(Ev)	435.159322	3,360	-
Marketing & Outreach	435.512007	65,613	-
R&B RSUD OP Settlement	435.533178	11,835	-
Crisis Prog Enhancement	435.533194	28,125	-
Opioid Abatement-law Enf	435.533214	7,026	-
Mat In A Jail Setting	435.533264	28,748	-
ADRC Base GPR Reimb	435.560100	237,369	-
ADRC EBS GPR Reimb	435.560320	28,215	-
ADRC SPAP EBS	435.560328	3,275	-
Senior Community Svs Prog	435.560330	5,394	-
Title 3C1 Cong Meal Prog	435.560355	25,261	-
Title 3C-2 Home Meals	435.560360	9,494	-
Alzh Family Support Aging	435.560381	12,910	-
Elder Abuse Service	435.560490	12,663	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Health Services		1,061,530	-

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Grantor Agency / Program Title	State ID Number	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
State Programs			
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families			
Food Stamp Agency Incentives	437.0965	\$ 521	\$ -
CW Kinship Care Program - Benefits	437.3377A	26,156	-
CW Kinship Care Program - Benefits	437.3377B	62,650	-
Total CW Kinship Care Program - Benefits		88,806	-
CW Kinship Care Program - Assessment	437.3380A	3,960	-
CW Kinship Care Program - Assessment	437.3380B	7,920	-
Total CW Kinship Care Program - Assessment		11,880	-
Foster Parent Grant Program - WI Act 260	437.339000	1,578	-
JJ AODA	437.341100	1,705	-
JJ Youth Aids	437.341300	86,902	-
CW Children and Families Allocation	437.356100	129,945	-
CW Children & Families Allocations	437.368100	9,811	-
CW WiSACWIS Annual Operation Maintenance Fee	437.393500	(1,730)	-
PDS Partnership Fees	437.394000	(677)	-
CS State GPR/PR Funding Allocation	437.750200	37,557	-
CS Medical Support GPR Earned	437.760600	139	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Children and Families		265,230	-
Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs			
Emergency Government Response Equipment	465.308	7,458	-
Emergency Planning Grant	465.337	5,102	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs		12,560	-
Wisconsin Department of Administration			
Land Information Board Grants	505.173	181,650	-
Total Wisconsin Department of Administration		181,650	-
Total state programs		\$ 1,938,834	\$ -

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (the Schedule) includes the federal and state award activity of Marquette County, Wisconsin under programs of the federal and state government for the year ended December 31, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Marquette County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Marquette County.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual or modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

The underlying accounting records for some grant programs are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records for other grant programs are maintained on the accrual basis, i.e., when the revenue has been earned and the liability is incurred.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Marquette County has not elected to use the applicable de minimis indirect cost rate of the Uniform Guidance.

4. GEARS/SPARC Report Dates

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards includes adjustments through the Grant Enrollment, Application and Reporting System (GEARS) reports dated June 11, 2026 and the SPARC reports for December 2025. Federal/state funding splits for awards passed through Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) are based on the splits provided by DHS on March 2, 2026. Federal/state funding splits for awards passed through Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) are based on the splits provided by DCF on January 30, 2026.

5. Pass-Through Agencies

The County of Marquette received federal awards from the following pass-through agencies:

DHS	Wisconsin Department of Health Services
DCF	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
DMA	Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs
DOJ	Wisconsin Department of Justice

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Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

X yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

 yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

 yes X no

Federal and State Awards

	<u>Federal Programs</u>	<u>State Programs</u>
Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	<u> </u> yes <u>X</u> no	<u> </u> yes <u>X</u> no
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	<u>X</u> yes <u> </u> none reported	<u>X</u> yes <u> </u> none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal and state programs:	Unmodified	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance or the <i>State Single Audit Guidelines</i> ?	<u>X</u> yes <u> </u> no	<u>X</u> yes <u> </u> no
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u> </u> yes <u>X</u> no	<u> </u> yes <u>X</u> no
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$1,000,000	\$330,000

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
93.778	Medicaid Cluster
21.027	COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Identification of major state programs:

<u>State ID Numbers</u>	<u>Name of State Program</u>
115.150	County Staff and Support
435.000561/000681	Basic County Allocation/State/County Match
435.560100	ADRC Base GPR Reimb
437.356100/368100	CW Children and Families Allocation

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Section II - Financial Statement Findings Required to Be Reported in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Finding 2025-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Repeat of Finding 2024-001

Criteria: According to *Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) AU-C Section 315*, sufficient internal controls should be in place that provide for the preparation of reliable financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards that are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: The auditors prepared the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and misstatements in the general ledger were identified during the audit.

Cause: The County does not have the resources required to identify and correct all misstatements in the financial records or to prepare the annual financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effect: There is a risk that the County's interim financial records and annual financial statements contain material misstatements or missing disclosures.

Recommendation: The County should consider implementing additional internal control procedures to ensure the accuracy of its financial records as well as the preparation of the annual financial statements.

Management's Response: In response to Finding 2025-001 regarding Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, note that the County is aware that there is a lack of controls over its year-end financial reporting process. Because of its size, the County does not feel it is cost-effective to hire the number of employees needed to complete these tasks in-house now or in the future and rely on an outside audit firm to review financial statements, disclosures and schedules. County administration and financial staff review the adjustments and reports prepared by the auditors to ensure the accuracy of the information.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
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Section III - Federal and State Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Finding 2025-002

Repeat of Finding 2024-002

Program Federal Assistance Listing and Title: 93.778 Medicaid Cluster, Grants to States for Medicaid
Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Pass-Through Agency: Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Award Numbers: 62, 284, 878, 560152, 560155

Criteria: The *State Single Audit Guidelines* (SSAG) require that local entities receiving State awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with laws, regulations and program compliance requirements. The Uniform Guidance and *State Single Audit Guidelines* further require auditors to obtain an understanding of the local entity's internal control over federal and state programs. To minimize the risk of errors, internal controls should be in place for all program compliance requirements, including the preparation and submission of reports, which should be reviewed and approved by a responsible party other than the original preparer.

Condition/Context: The County does not have controls in place to ensure there is documentation of the approval/review of reports prior to submission. The annual WIMCR report tested did not have documentation of approval. The sample was not statistically valid.

Cause: The County did not have internal control procedures in place requiring an independent person to document their review of the report before submission and to ensure the report was submitted timely.

Effect: Reports could contain errors due to the lack of review and/or funding could be reduced as a result of not submitting reports by the due dates.

Questioned Costs: None noted.

Recommendation: The County should review its internal control procedures to ensure there is a process for documentation of review and approval over completeness and accuracy of reports before submissions to state agencies.

Management Response: The County is reviewing and updating its internal controls to put processes in place to ensure that there is documentation of the review process prior to submittal of reports. The anticipated completion date is beginning with reports dated 1/1/2026 and later.

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Finding 2025-003

State Program ID Number and Title: 115.150 County Staff and Support

Award Numbers: 9214-25-39-00

State Agency: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Pass-Through Agency: None

Criteria: The *State Single Audit Guidelines* (SSAG) require that local entities receiving State awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with laws, regulations and program compliance requirements. The SSAG further require auditors to obtain an understanding of the local entity's internal control over State programs. To minimize the risk of errors, internal controls should be in place for all program compliance requirements, including the preparation and submission of reports, which should be reviewed and approved by a responsible party other than the original preparer.

Condition/Context: The County was unable to provide documentation to support the review of the annual report used for reimbursement prior to submission. The sample was not statistically valid.

Cause: The County did not have internal control procedures in place requiring an independent person to review the reports before submission.

Effect: Reports could contain errors due to the lack of review.

Questioned Costs: None noted.

Recommendation: The County should review its internal control procedures to ensure there is documentation of review and approval of completeness and accuracy of reports before submissions to state agencies.

Management Response: The County is reviewing and updating its internal controls to put processes in place to ensure that there is documentation of the review process prior to submittal of reports. The anticipated completion date is beginning with reports dated 1/1/2026 and later.

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Finding 2025-004

Repeat of Finding 2024-004

Program Federal Assistance Listing and Title: 93.778 Medicaid Cluster

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Pass-Through Agency: 62. 284, 878, 560152, 560155

State Program ID Number and Title: 437.356100/368100 CW Children and Families

State Agency: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

State Program ID Numbers and Titles: 435.560100 ADRC
435.000561/000681 Basic County Allocation

State Agency: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

State Program ID Number and Title: 395.168 Specialized Transit County Operating Aids
(Elderly & Disabled)

State Agency: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

State Program ID Number and Title: 435.000283 IMAA State Share

State Agency: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Criteria: 2 CRF 200.303 Internal Controls requires that non-federal entities receiving federal awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with federal laws, regulations and program compliance requirements. The *State Single Audit Guidelines* (SSAG) require that local entities receiving State awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with laws, regulations and program compliance requirements. To minimize the risk of errors, internal controls should be in place for all program compliance requirements, including appropriate review and approval of expenditures.

Condition/Context: During our testing, we were unable to view approval for the following number of payroll expenditures in each program:

- 93.778: 9 out of 19 expenditures tested.
- 435.000561/000681, 437.3561/3681: 12 out of 40 expenditures tested.
- 435.560100: 9 out of 19 expenditures tested.

For programs 395.168 and 435.000283, these are carried over from the prior year as controls have not changed within the system. These samples were not statistically valid.

Cause: While review controls are in place, the County's system does not currently allow access to view the documentation of approval of payroll expenses beyond 365 days.

Effect: Record retention requirements are not currently being met, which prevents outside reviewers from verifying whether or not effective controls over payroll exist for transactions older than 365 days.

Questioned Costs: None noted.

Recommendation: The County should work with its software provider and IT personnel to enhance documentation retention surrounding payroll approval support.

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Management Response: In response to Finding 2025-004 regarding Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, note that the County is aware that there is lack of controls over its year-end financial reporting process. The County will endeavor to evaluate the need to increase additional staff to meet the deficiencies noted in the finding. However, due to its size, the County does not feel it is cost-effective to hire the number of employees needed to complete these task in house at this point in time and will rely on an outside audit firm. Administration is aware the current payroll and financial system allows to only go back to view payroll approvals within one year.

Finding 2025-005

Repeat of Finding 2024-002

Program Federal Assistance Listing and Title: 21.027 COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Pass-Through Agency: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Award Numbers: Unknown

Criteria: The Uniform Guidance requires non-federal entities receiving federal awards to establish and maintain effective internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. To minimize the risk of errors, internal controls should be in place for all program compliance requirements, including the preparation and submission of reports. Reports should be reviewed and approved by a responsible party other than the original preparer, with documentation maintained to evidence the review and approval.

Condition/Context: The County does not have controls in place to ensure there is documentation of the approval and review of reports prior to submission. For the current year single audit, the March and August monthly GEARS reports were selected for testing. For both reports tested, the County was unable to provide documentation evidencing review and approval by an individual other than the preparer prior to submission. The sample was not statistically valid.

Cause: The County did not have internal control procedures in place requiring an independent person to document their review of the reports before submission.

Effect: Reports could contain errors due to the lack of review and/or funding could be reduced as a result.

Questioned Costs: None noted.

Recommendation: The County should review its internal control procedures to ensure there is a process for documentation of review and approval over completeness and accuracy of reports before submissions to state agencies.

Management's Response: The County is reviewing and updating its internal controls to put processes in place to ensure that there is documentation of the review process prior to submittal of reports. The anticipated completion date is beginning with reports dated 1/1/2026 and later.

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Section IV - Other Issues

Does the auditors' report or the notes to the financial statements include disclosure with regard to substantial doubt as to the auditee's ability to continue as a going concern?

_____ yes X no

Does the audit report show audit issues (i.e., material noncompliance, nonmaterial noncompliance, questioned costs, material weakness, significant deficiency, management letter comment, excess revenue or excess reserve) related to grants/contracts with funding agencies that require audits to be in accordance with the *State*

Single Audit Guidelines:

Department of Health Services

 X yes _____ no

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

 X yes _____ no

Department of Administration

_____ yes X no

Department of Children and Families

 X yes _____ no

Department of Military Affairs

_____ yes X no

Department of Transportation

 X yes _____ no

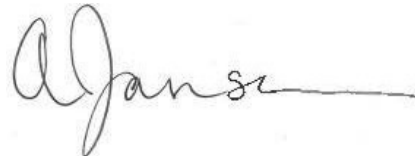
Department of Justice

_____ yes X no

Was a Management Letter or other document conveying audit comments issued as a result of this audit?

 X yes _____ no

Name and signature of principal



Andrea Jansen, CPA, CFE, Principal

Date of report

September 28, 2026