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I Need an Audit as a Wisconsin County Provider – Now What?

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## Course Objectives

- Understand Department of Health Services (DHS) audit requirements
- Preview what a typical audit looks like
- Gain a better understanding of what items are needed for an audit
- Know how to prepare yourself for an audit





## When Do I Need an Audit?

 \$100,000 in combined county funding in a calendar year

 Due six-months after year-end







#### What is a DHS Audit?

- Entity-wide audit
- Consists of GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) based financial statements
  - What's included in the financial statements
  - Accrual basis
- DHS Compliance Portion
  - Allowable expenditures
  - Proper reporting
  - Other specific county requirements
  - Allowable profit/schedule of reserves





#### What is a DHS Audit?



- What does it cost?
  - Depends on size and complexity of your organization
  - Depends on how ready you are
- How long does it take?





## How to Best Prepare for the Audit

- Business separate from personal
- Accounting software
- Monthly cash reconciliations
- Keep all invoices/receipts
- Keep all debt agreements, leases, and fixed asset purchases
- Proper documentation for payroll transactions
- Consistent record keeping





## Before the Audit

- Confirmations sent to counties and other providers, financial institutions, and debtors
- Listing of items needed sent to client
- Understanding of internal controls
- Finalized trial balance sent to auditors





## During Fieldwork/Testing

Audit all significant balance sheet accounts as of year-end

Cash	Accruals
Accounts Receivable	Debt
Prepaids	Equity
Equipment	Revenue
Accounts Payable	Expenses

- Prepare GAAP financial statements with required disclosures
- Onsite for a couple days if possible, otherwise virtual





# After Fieldwork/Testing

Review process

 Financial statement approval

Send to funding agencies







#### Common Issues



- Not reading your contract
- Lack of documentation
- Business versus personal
- Assets not owned by the company
- Allowable profit
- Inadequate preparation





## **Any Questions?**

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