



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT (DRA) AUDIT

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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As outlined in Section 6.8.2.14 of the Qualified Vendor Agreement and as part of a larger audit, the Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Research and Audit Unit (R&A) is reviewing compliance with Section 6032 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

This requirement only applies to Qualified Vendor Agencies that receive at least \$5 million annually from DDD. The Division will contact the vendors directly to provide detailed guidance and due dates, and collect the necessary documentation. Acceptable policy documentation includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Policies that provide detailed information of the following:
 - Federal False Claims Act
 - Remedies for false claims and statements
 - Any state laws pertaining to civil or criminal penalties for false claims and statements
 - Whistleblower protections under Federal False Claims Act and state laws
 - Role of such laws in preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse
- Organization compliance program Employee handbook, with specific discussion of:
 - State and federal laws referenced above
 - Rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers
 - Entity's policies and procedures for detecting fraud, waste, and abuse

Qualified Vendors with questions should contact the DDD Post Payment Review Claims & Recovery unit via email at DDPPR@azdes.gov.