


**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Emma Forkner, Director
Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Ms. Forkner:

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It is the State's responsibility, as a Grantee, to reconcile reports submitted to CMS and to the DPM. Reconciliation consists of ensuring that disbursements equal obligations and expenditures reported on the CMS-64/21 (Medicaid and SCHIP) and the CMS-435 (Medicaid and Medicare Survey and Certification). This includes making correcting adjustments to the PSC-272 to ensure it agrees to the grant award authority and the total amount drawn. The State agency that prepares the PSC-272 report should coordinate with the agency or department that submits the expenditures to CMS to ensure the information reported on the PSC-272 agrees with final CMS grant awards (to the nearest whole dollar).

Ms. Emma Forkner

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We appreciate your assistance in resolving the inactive grant documents in the PMS system. If you have any questions regarding Medicaid or SCHIP grants, you may contact Deborah Abshire at 410-786-9291. Please direct any questions regarding Medicaid Survey and Certification grants to Denise Mason-Johnson at 410-786-4876 and direct any Medicare Survey and Certification award questions to your appropriate CMS regional office contact. If you need technical assistance regarding the PSC-272 reports, please contact your DPM representative.

Sincerely,



Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
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EXAMPLES OF PSC-272 DISCREPANCIES & CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

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1. MEDICAID:

Medicaid grants may include prior period expenditure adjustments through the fourth quarter of the following fiscal year. The States fourth quarter CMS-64 expenditure report is finalized by CMS in the second quarter of the next fiscal year. For example, a 2005 grant will reflect fiscal year 2005 finalized grant awards and prior period fiscal year adjustments through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006 [which is issued in the second quarter of the following fiscal year (FY07)]. Potentially, the 2005 grants could have FY05, FY06 and FY07 grant award obligations/de-obligations based on prior period FY adjustments (in accordance with the two-year timely filing rule).

Below is an example of a Medicaid grant that contains a discrepancy of the PSC-272 amount that does not agree with the authorization (grant award) and draw amount. *The PSC-272 must be corrected to reflect the same amount as the authorization and draw.*

Medicaid Grant Example: 0505XX5028

Authorization \$21,305,012,208 **PSC-272 Disbursed \$21,154,151,351** Draw \$21,305,012,208

Corrective Action: A correction needs to be made to the PSC-272 to increase it by \$150,860,857 so that the PSC-272 will agree with the authorization and the total draw amount of \$21,305,012,208.

2. SCHIP:

The SCHIP finalization grant is issued by CMS after the SCHIP allotment three year period of availability has expired. For example, the FY 2005 SCHIP allotments expired at the end of FY 2007 and finalizing grants, which were reconciled to CMS-21 and/or CMS-64.21, were issued by CMS in the second quarter of FY 2008

SCHIP Grant Example: 0505XX5021

Authorization \$24,452,297 PSC-272 Disbursed \$23,617,263 Draw \$24,452,297

Corrective Action: A correction needs to be made to the PSC-272 to increase it by \$835,034 so that the PSC-272 will agree with the authorization amount and the total draw amount of \$24,452,297.

3. MEDICAID SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION:

The Medicaid Survey and Certification grant for years 2005 and prior are final and the PSC-272 disbursement amount must reflect the amount that has been reported on the CMS-435 report. In order to close these grants, the PSC-272 disbursement amount must be corrected to agree with the grant award.

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Medicaid Survey and Certification Grant Example: 0505XX5001

Authorization \$6,869,581 PSC-272 Disbursed \$1,827,075 Draw \$1,827,133.80

Corrective Action: The PSC-272 needs to be increased by \$5,042,506 to agree with the authorization amount of \$6,869,581. The draw amount will automatically adjust through the PMS algorithm. However, if the State did not draw these funds or all of these funds, the State analyst should contact their respective Regional Office for assistance.

Medicare Survey and Certification Grant Example: 0505XX5000

Authorization -\$2,166,315 PSC-272 Disbursed -\$2,161,681 Draw -\$2,161,681

Corrective Action: The PSC-272 needs to be increased by \$4,634 to agree with the authorization amount of \$2,166,315. The draw amount will automatically adjust through the PMS algorithm. However, if the State did not draw these funds or all of these funds, the State analyst should contact their respective Regional Office for assistance.

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