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Dear Dr. Philip:

Pursuant to Section 20.055(6)(h), *Florida Statutes,* our office is to update you on the status of corrective actions taken since March 30, 2018, when the Office of the Auditor General published its Report Number 2018-189, *State of Florida Compliance and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Federal Awards.* Management's assessment of the status of corrective actions is included in the enclosed document.

Management reports at six months after publication all corrective action plans are now complete.

If I may answer any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michael

Michael J. Bennett, CIA, CGAP, CIG Inspector General

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cc: Eric Miller, Chief Inspector General, Executive Office of the Governor Kathy DuBose, Staff Director, Joint Legislative Auditing Committee Michele Tallent, Deputy Secretary for Operations Mark H. Boehmer, CPA, Director of Auditing



## Status of Corrective Action Plans



Report Number: 2018-189 Report Title: State of Florida Compliance and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Federal Awards Report Date: March 30, 2018 Status As Of: September 25, 2018

## No. Finding

1

## Recommendation

## **Corrective Action Plan**

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) improperly recorded deposits to and withdrawals from the State Treasury as Investment earnings and Current expenditures. In addition, the FDOH did not record State Treasury interest earnings on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

We recommend that FDOH management amend procedures for recording deposits to and withdrawals from the State Treasury Investment Pool to ensure that amounts recorded to Pooled investments with State Treasury are accurate and complete and update procedures for fiscal year-end reporting to ensure that Investment earnings are correctly and accurately recorded. In addition, we recommend that, prior to closing FDOH accounting records, management perform analytical procedures to ensure that amounts recorded are reasonable and any unexpected variances are explained.

FDOH Financial Management Section has implemented a monthly reconciliation process beginning July 1, 2017 to monitor the investment balances on a regular basis rather than at yearend only. In addition, the procedures for recording deposits to and withdrawals from the State Treasury Investment Pool will be updated to ensure that investment earnings are correctly and accurately recorded.

FDOH Financial Management Section has implemented a monthly reconciliation process beginning July 1, 2017 to monitor interest earnings on a regular basis rather than at year-end only. In addition, the procedures for recording interest earnings from the State Treasury Investment Pool will be updated to ensure that interest earnings are recorded on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Status of Corrective Action Plan

Completed.