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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY LANSING

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September 28, 2021

Mr. Rick Lowe, Chief Internal Auditor Office of Internal Audit Services State Budget Office George W. Romney Building 111 S. Capitol Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Lowe:

In accordance with State of Michigan, Financial Management Guide, Part VII, please see the attached summary of findings and associated corrective action plans to address recommendations contained in Andrews, Hoopers and Pavlik, PLC's (contract auditor) report on Unemployment Insurance Agency, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Unemployment Administration Fund (Report No. 000-0100-20U) covering the audit period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding the attached information, please contact me directly at (517) 231-1720 or at WilliamsA6@michigan.gov.

Respectfully,

Allen Williams

Allen Williams LEO Chief Internal Control Officer

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# Unemployment Administration Fund Unemployment Insurance Agency Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity Summary of Agency Responses to Recommendations Audit Period: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

I.	Audit recommendations the agency complied with:
	Finding 2019-001

- II. Audit recommendations the agency agrees with and will comply: *None*.
- III. Audit recommendations the agency disagrees with: *None*.

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#### **FINDING 2019-001**

The Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) Agreement requires the Fund to request funds on a payroll cycle and the amount of funds requested shall be based on the amount of liabilities recorded for direct administrative costs since the last request for funds. The review noted the Fund was not in compliance with the CMIA due to several underdraws and overdraws.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that the Fund ensure proper design and implementation of internal controls related to determination of draw amounts such that reimbursement requests are in accordance with the CMIA Agreement.

### Final Response / Corrective Action Plan Update

The Agency has implemented a revised cash management procedure that improves the accuracy and timeliness of draws. The Federal Finance Manager now verifies the appropriateness and the notifies Michigan Department of Treasury of any deviations to the CMIA. The department considers this corrective action plan: **Complete.**