

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



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CDC Lacked Documentation for Its Redirections of PEPFAR Funds to Support the COVID-19 Response

Why OIG Did This Audit

- In April 2020, the Office of Management and Budget allowed Federal awarding agencies to repurpose their awards to support the COVID-19 response.
- HHS and the U.S. Agency for International Development OIGs collaboratively audited each of their agencies' redirection of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funds for the COVID-19 response.
- This audit assessed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) adherence to applicable regulations and guidance in redirecting its PEPFAR award funds to support the COVID-19 response.

What OIG Found

- CDC did not maintain documentation to show that it followed guidance issued by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
- For 69 of the 104 cooperative agreements in our sample, representing approximately \$25.2 million in redirections, CDC lacked documentation for at least one of the requirements.

What OIG Recommends

We recommend that CDC develop, implement, and maintain a centralized repository to store required documentation pertaining to PEPFAR funds that are redirected due to a pandemic or other emergency.

CDC concurred with our recommendation.