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Subject: Response to Client Helpdesk Request 87556
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Your request # 87556 for Columbia County has been resolved.

Your question was:
The County has received some Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Funds in which the HHS has the authority to waive specific requirements of Medicaid. The authority permits the Secretary to allow the use of federal Medicaid funds in ways that are not otherwise allowed under the federal rules. Our pass through agency also states that these are not federal funds. I am curious if they should be reported on the Schedule 16 even though federal requirements have been waived and if so what CFDA should I use as I cant get one from anyone in the funding chain?

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Our response is as follows:
These funds are not reported on the SEFA.

The BARS manual lists 3392330 as Medicaid Transformation Demonstration. The account description is "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Payments to eligible providers participating in the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration project. Do not report expenditures from these payments on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule 16)."

Washington State and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have finalized an agreement for a five-year Medicaid transformation demonstration (section 1115 waiver) that will strengthen state efforts to improve health care for Washington families and control costs.

Throughout the next several years, local primary care, AAAs and local health jurisdictions will participate in Transformation Plans designed to meet improvement goals of specific outcome measures set by the Health Care Authority (HCA).

DSHS contracted with the AAAs to implement Transformation Plans in 2017. Unfortunately, DSHS incorrectly designated the recipients as subrecipients as opposed to contractors. The leading state agency, HCA, clearly stated the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration (MTD) funding is not a grant. DSHS reached out to the AAAs and asked them not to report the MTD expenditures on its SEFA. Please make sure that the MTD expenditures are not reported on the SEFA.

Thank you for using the help desk.

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If you have additional follow-up questions, please reference this request number when you contact us again. A copy of this response is provided to your audit team to ensure that we are consistent and efficient when working with you.

Sincerely,
Felicia DenAdel

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