

Pending Grants Management Changes

As discussed previously, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued a new “Omniscircular” or “Supercircular” for federal grants management. The Uniform Guidance consolidates eight grant circulars into a single document that creates uniform requirements, with only minor exceptions, for all recipient entities. Federal agencies have until December 26, 2014 to develop implementation requirements. We are continuing to review the circular to determine the impacts to the department’s processes and how we will implement changes. As subrecipients of the department, LPHAs will be impacted by this Uniform Guidance change. Some of the major areas identified so far that we are addressing include:

- Determining allowable indirect or administrative rates
- Obtaining federal agency approval for using fixed price contracts
- Certifying compliance with a variety of provisions such as conflict of interest, internal control plans, protecting personally identifiable information, etc.
- Single audit requirements will change from 500K to 750K
- Additional questions may be added to the annual Business Management Assessment you complete