**Payment Integrity Scorecard**

**Program or Activity**
FNS National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

**Reporting Period**
Q1 2022

**Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss**

1. FNS awarded 50 State agencies $37M in non-competitive Technology Innovation Grants. These awards support technology maintenance/improvements to enhance program integrity, and leverage other efficiencies in administration and delivery of CN Programs. 
   - **Date:** Sep-21

2. FNS recently completed research on Independent Review of Applications (IRA). IRA is intended to reduce administrative certification error in LEA processing of household applications. FNS is using the study results to inform IRA process improvements. 
   - **Date:** Dec-21

3. Continued work with States that received 2019 Administrative Review and Training Grants to build statewide online NSLP/SBP applications; to date, two such applications have been developed, and a feasibility study is in process in one additional State. 
   - **Date:** Feb-22

**Monetary Loss ($M)**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>FY16</th>
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<td>Monetary Loss ($M)</td>
<td>$1,369M (11.41%)</td>
<td>$1,875M (11.20%)</td>
<td>$799M (6.53%)</td>
<td>$811M (6.45%)</td>
<td>$492M (5.45%)</td>
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**Monetary Loss -** Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.

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**Key Milestones**

1. Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

2. Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

3. Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

4. Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

5. Analyze results of implementing new strategies
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

6. Achieved compliance with PIA
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

7. Identified any data needs for mitigation
   - **Status:** On-Track
   - **ECD:** Sep-22

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**Root Cause of Monetary Loss**

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<td>$492M</td>
<td>Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because the Data/Information Needed Does Not Exist.</td>
<td>Households may incorrectly self-report and administrative staff may miscalculate household’s application information resulting in mis-certification. There are no dataset/database that include household-level information for each household application.</td>
<td>Automation - automatically controlled operation, process, or system</td>
<td>Improve accuracy of eligibility determinations to certify children for free, reduced price, and paid NSLP/SBP meals through increased automation and enhanced integrity features of electronic NSLP/SBP meal benefit applications.</td>
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