Payment Integrity Scorecard

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Key Milestones

1. Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time
2. Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy
3. Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss
4. Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss
5. Analyze results of implementing new strategies
6. Achieved compliance with PIIA
7. Identified any data needs for mitigation

Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss

1. Q3 2022
   - The majority of NSLP/SBP participating schools are operating under waivers that allow serving no-cost meals to all students without the need for certifying applications.

Accomplishments in Reducing 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 is no dataset/database that includes 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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Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.