Scope

County Commissioners
County Controller Offices
County MH/MR Programs
County Child Welfare Programs
Provider Distribution List

County Human Service Programs
Program Deputy Secretaries
DPW Comptroller’s Office
CPA Distribution List

Purpose

To provide language regarding debarment and suspension for use in county contracts connected with State and Federal programs.

Background

It has come to the attention of the Department of Public Welfare that some county contracts do not yet contain language on the contractors’ responsibility regarding debarment and suspension.

Federal Regulation 45 CFR 76.510 (b) requires the Commonwealth, the County, and other participants in Federal programs to obtain from participants in lower tier covered transactions a certification regarding debarment and suspension from Federal programs.

Commonwealth Management Directive 215.9, effective August 31, 1999, and amendments thereto direct Commonwealth agencies to implement similar procedures for Commonwealth program participants.

Discussion

The counties, as lower tier participants in Federal and Commonwealth programs, have a responsibility to comply with the certification requirements for debarment and suspension referenced above. The Commonwealth has adopted the following Contractor Responsibility Provisions which should be adapted for use at the county level and below. These provisions should be amended to reflect the county’s position as party to the contracts in question.