

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

**Ron DeSantis**

Governor

**Scott A. Rivkees, MD**

State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 27, 2021

To: Michele Tallent, Deputy Secretary for Operations

From: Michael J. Bennett, CIA, CGAP, CIG, Inspector General *MJB*

Subject: R-2021-006 - *Annual Attestation – Executive Order Number 20-044*

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Executive Order Number 20-044 was issued in February 2020 explaining that each executive agency (Department of Health, Department) shall require from entities that meet certain requirements<sup>1</sup>, an annual report, including the most recent Internal Revenue Service Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax*, detailing the total compensation for the entities' executive leadership team. In addition, contracted entities must agree through appropriate contract and grant agreement amendment, to inform the Department of any changes in total executive compensation between the annual reports.

The Executive Office of the Governor issued Executive Memo Number 21-025 in March 2021, providing instructions that by May 31 each year, the agency head is to provide an attestation to the agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG).

The OIG has received the State Surgeon General's attestation that the Department has:

- Amended all applicable contracts and grant agreements to comply with Section 4 of Executive Order Number 20-044 by requiring the submission of an annual report to the Department, including compensation information.
- Modified its internal contract and grant administration procedures to require this information from current and future agreements with entities that meet the criteria in Section 1.

The OIG has reviewed the attestation and related information and has verified the information for compliance.

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<sup>1</sup> Sole-source, public-private agreement and all entities that, through contract or other agreement, annually receive 50% or more of their budget from the State or from a combination of State and Federal funds.