

DATE: 1/19/2023
TO: CAOS/AUDIT REPORT REVIEW LIAISONS
FROM: GATU/GOMB
RE: Extension of Financial Statement Audit Submission
44 Illinois Administrative Code 7000.90

Nationally and in Illinois, there is a shortage of licensed accounting professionals, including staff specializing in audit services. This has caused grant recipients and subrecipients to be unable to meet financial statement audit deadlines which has caused organizations to be out of compliance with federal and state audit requirements.

This memorandum provides an exception for the short-term relief for Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) audit requirements, as set forth by 44 Illinois Administrative Code 7000.90, to an expanded scope of recipients affected by the recent staffing shortage within the audit firms which the recipients have procured for their audit services.

Please note that this exception **does not** apply to audit requirements contained in the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507) and Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200. **This exception is only applicable to the financial statement audit rules and policies set forth by 44 Illinois Administrative Code 7000.90.**

Questions regarding this audit extension should be directed to OMB.GATA@illinois.gov. Questions regarding specific audit report reviews should be directed to the recipient or subrecipient's cognizant agency.

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Awarding agencies, in their capacity as cognizant agencies, should allow recipients and subrecipients with fiscal year-ends through June 30, 2023 and that have not yet submitted their financial statement audits in the GATA Grantee Portal as of the date of the issuance of this memorandum, to delay the completion and submission of the financial statement reporting package, as required under GATA (30 ILCS 708/65(c)) and 44 Illinois Administrative Code 7000.90, to three months beyond the normal due dates. No further action by awarding agencies is required to enact this extension. Furthermore, this extension does not require individual recipients or subrecipients to seek approval for the extensions by the cognizant or oversight agencies for audits; however, recipients and subrecipients should maintain documentation of the reasons for the delayed filing.