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**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
TO THE STATES**

State Project/Program: MATERNAL SERUM ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN SCREENING

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Federal Authorization: 42 United States Code Section 701-709

State Authorization: 10A NC Administrative Code 43A .01

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N. C. DHHS Confirmation Reports:

SFY 2019 audit confirmation reports for payments made to Counties, Local Management Entities (LMEs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Boards of Education, Councils of Government, District Health Departments and DHSR Grant Subrecipients will be available by mid-October at the following web address:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/audit-confirmation-reports>.

At this site, click on the link entitled “[Audit Confirmation Reports \(State Fiscal Year 2018-2019\)](#)”. Additionally, audit confirmation reports for Nongovernmental entities receiving financial assistance from DHHS are found at the same website except select “[Non-Governmental Audit Confirmation Reports \(State Fiscal Years 2017-2019\)](#)”.

Brief Description of Program:

Funds are awarded through a competitive Request for Application process to public or private non-profit major medical centers with a genetics program and a fully functioning AFP laboratory to provide maternal serum screening to pregnant women in NC with low income. The goal of this program is to increase access to maternal serum screening for pregnant women with low income and to reduce neonatal mortality and the incidence of chronic handicapping conditions by identifying high risk pregnancies for neural tube defects, Down syndrome and trisomy 18. The required services include provision of maternal serum screening to pregnant women in NC with low income, education of physicians and other health care providers about this program and about the importance of screening; accurate interpretation of lab results to physicians so that they can discuss counseling options with patients; and provision of additional types of testing to the pregnant woman if indicated by the screening test result.

Organizations Funded: ☐ Private ☐ Local Government ☒ Both

Source of Funds: State X Federal