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## NEWS RELEASE

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# Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci Issued Audit Report on the Onondaga County Adoption Assistance Program

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci issued an audit report on the Onondaga County Adoption Assistance Program today. “Children and Family Services is a department that seems to always have issues in the annual Single Audit. After not seeing corrective action taken on the highlighted problems, we decided to take a closer look at the Department. I am pleased the Department has reported it is implementing policies to correct the issues we found,” said Antonacci.

Improper handling of files potentially cost the County in excess of \$30,000.00. Children and Family Services indicated they will attempt to recover the money from New York State through supplemental claims. “While \$30,000.00 may not seem like a lot relative to our \$1.3 billion dollar budget, that amount represents the salary of some of our hardest working County employees. Had mistakes like this not been made, perhaps we could have spared a layoff or two last year,” said Antonacci.

Antonacci was hopeful in light of Children and Family Service’s response. “I look forward to seeing fewer findings in the next Single Audit,” Antonacci concluded.

The full audit report can be viewed on the Comptroller’s website at <http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/documents/AdoptionAssistanceFinal.pdf>.

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