The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) is issuing this advisory bulletin in an effort to make you aware of changes to the federal special conditions that may apply to your OVS-funded contracts. OVS has three active federal awards right now: Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015, 2016, and 2017. Each of these federal awards has its own federal special conditions attached to it. Each award’s federal special conditions are attached to this Advisory Bulletin and are posted on the OVS website at https://ovs.ny.gov/victim-assistance-program under Contract Documents. However, it is critical to note that the federal award that OVS uses to fund your contracts at this time is FFY 2015; therefore, only the FFY 2015 federal special conditions apply to your OVS contracts now.

FFY 2015 Federal Special Conditions
FFY 2016 Federal Special Conditions
FFY 2017 Federal Special Conditions

FFY 2016 and FFY 2017 federal special conditions are not applicable until the federal award associated with those conditions is being used to fund a contract. In the future OVS will be using federal awards from FFY 2016 or FFY 2017 to fund your contracts. When OVS moves from one federal fiscal year award to another to fund your contract, OVS will notify you which federal funds are being used so that you know which federal special conditions are in effect for your contract.

If you have any questions on this matter, please reach out to your OVS contract manager.
On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

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