



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 9, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

## IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

**RE: Authorization to Contract with Buffalo Homecare Inc.**

Dear Honorable Members:

Buffalo Homecare Inc is a homecare agency located at 490 Delaware Ave Buffalo NY providing in-home services to homebound and home limited patients.

Erie County is requesting to contract with Buffalo Homecare Inc. to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to homebound and home limited patients. This resolution allows us to offer these services to effectively vaccinate those who are unable to access the community and get the needed vaccine.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bqs

CC: Health Commissioner, Gale R. Burstein, MD

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Health Department  
**Re:** Authorization to Enter into Contract with Buffalo Homecare Inc.  
**Date:** April 9, 2021

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### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Erie County Department of Health to enter into a contract with Buffalo Homecare Inc.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County will pay the consultant an hourly rate \$45.50 for nursing services and \$14.50 per hour for administrative costs. This contract will be fully funded via federal dollars with no county share expense.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Buffalo Homecare Inc. is a licensed homecare agency which provides services to home-bound residents. Buffalo homecare is a NYSDOH approved COVID-19 vaccine provider and has the ability to provide vaccination support to those who are unable to access the community for such a service. Erie County wishes to contract for such services so that homebound individuals are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Erie County currently has a contract with Buffalo Homecare Inc. with a not-to-exceed figure of \$250,000 to comply with the adopted 2021 budget.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Erie County will not have a staffing model to vaccinate homebound and home limited individuals.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to enter into the contract.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has responsibility to ensure vaccinations are available to all eligible residents; and

WHEREAS, many individuals are homebound or home limited and unable to go to a traditional vaccination point of distribution; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Homecare Inc has the personnel available to provide such services and is an authorized COVID-19 vaccinator by New York State; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract from the Federal government with no required county share;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract with Buffalo Homecare Services Inc.; and

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.