

Appendix B: Auditee's Response to Audit Report



**BUFFALO HOMECARE INC
490 DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202**

Friday, September 16, 2022

Hon. Kevin R. Hardwick
Eric County Comptroller's Office
Division of Audit & Control
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Audit of Buffalo Homecare Inc. Erie County Contract # 21-693-HE
August 25, 2021 through February 7, 2022

Dear Comptroller Hardwick:

Buffalo Homecare entered into the contract 21-693-HE with Erie County DOH on August 25, 2021 to provide COVID-19 screen testing, to support in person learning in Erie County schools. The project was launched within an extremely short amount of time, under tremendous pressure during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Buffalo Homecare's understanding of the program/contract budget is 1240 guaranteed hours per week, based on the "PAYMENT" section as per Attachment A of the original contract, 31 FTEs (full time equivalent) employees at \$65.00 per hour reimbursement.

Buffalo Homecare strongly believes that the disallowance amount of \$578,821 is incorrect based on the statement above. After discussions with the Audit Division, we identified there were mistakes on the original invoice detail, not all employees were accounted for on the detail, corrections to the invoice detail have been made.

Buffalo Homecare is looking forward to working together with Erie County DOH to come to a mutual agreement of the contract and will supply additional billing supporting documents if needed.

Sincerely yours,

Igor Yuzbashev, President
Buffalo Homecare Inc