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[REDACTED]
Independent Health Association, Inc.
511 Farber Lakes Drive
Buffalo, New York 14221

Re: Final Audit Report
Audit #: 20-5987
Provider #: 04342325

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter constitutes the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General's (OMIG) Final Audit Report of Independent Health Association, Inc. (Plan).

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is the single state agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program. As part of its responsibility as an independent entity within DOH, the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) conducts audits and reviews of various providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment, and supplies. These audits and reviews are directed at assessing provider compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth in New York Public Health Law, New York Social Services Law, the regulations of DOH (Titles 10 and 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations), the regulations of the Department of Mental Hygiene (Title 14 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations), DOH's Medicaid Provider Manuals, *Medicaid Update* publications, and the Medicaid Managed Care/Family Health Plus/HIV Special Needs Plan Model Contract (Contract).

The objective of this audit was to assess the Plan's adherence to applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies governing the New York State Medicaid program and to verify that:

- capitation payments made to the Plan for enrollees who were retroactively disenrolled from the Plan are recovered; and
- capitation payments were submitted in accordance with applicable rules and requirements.

After reviewing the Plan's October 1, 2020 response to OMIG's September 24, 2020 Draft Audit Report, OMIG has determined that for the period and scope reviewed, the Plan generally adhered to applicable Medicaid billing rules and regulations. OMIG has concluded that no further action is required pertaining to this audit.

The Plan has the right to challenge this action and determination by requesting an administrative hearing within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice. In accordance with 18 NYCRR Section 519.18(a), "The issues and documentation considered at the hearing are limited to issues directly relating to the final determination. An appellant may not raise issues regarding the methodology used to determine any rate of payment or fee, nor raise any new matter not considered by the department upon submission of objections to a draft audit or notice of proposed agency action." If the Plan wishes to request a hearing, the request must be submitted in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice to:

General Counsel
New York State
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
Office of Counsel
800 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12204

Questions regarding the request for a hearing should be directed to Office of Counsel, at [REDACTED]

OMIG reserves the right to conduct further reviews of your participation in the Medicaid program, take action where appropriate, and recover any associated overpayments. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact [REDACTED] through email at [REDACTED]. Thank you for your cooperation.

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