THAT IS FOUND TO BE NONCOMPLIANT AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

- (2) IN CONDUCTING THE THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ONLY REVIEW THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE NURSING HOME FOR THE 2-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE AUDIT PERIOD IN WHICH THE NURSING HOME WAS FOUND TO BE NONCOMPLIANT.
- (B) A THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUDIT SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS.
- (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH AN ENTITY TO PERFORM THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUDITS.
- (D) IN CONTRACTING WITH AN ENTITY TO PERFORM THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUDITS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE STANDARD PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

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- (A) A CONTRACT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF A THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUDIT SHALL INCLUDE:
- (1) A BUDGET TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE CONTRACTOR;
- (2) AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF CENERAL FUNDS THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES WILL BE RECOVERED THROUGH THE AUDIT: AND
- (3) A PENALTY TO THE VENDOR IF THE ERROR RATE EXCEEDS 20% AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD.
- (B) A-THIRD PARTY LIABILITY CONTRACTOR MAY NOT BE COMPENSATED SOLELY:
 - (1) ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS: OR
- $_{(2)}$ BY A PERCENTAGE OF THE FUNDS RECOVERED THROUGH THE AUDIT.
- (C) EACH CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLETE AUDIT STATUS REPORTS FOR EACH AUDIT UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONTRACTOR.
 - (D) EACH AUDIT STATUS REPORT SHALL:
 - (1) BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS: AND
 - (2) AT A MINIMUM INCLUDE:
 - (I) THE NUMBERS OF REPORTS ISSUED; AND
 - (II) THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF BOTH INITIAL AND FINAL REPORTS.