

NYS Medicaid Redesign Team Affordable Housing Work Group Update

As you know, Ginger Lynch Landy, Co- Director, NY ALFA has been appointed to the **Medicaid Redesign Team's Affordable Housing Work Group**. The Work Group is charged with the following:

- Evaluating New York's current programs of supportive housing in reference to the reasonable availability and adequacy of those programs for the purpose of assuring that individuals unable to live independently are neither inappropriately institutionalized nor denied the availability of necessary care and services;
- Identifying barriers to the efficient use of available resources for the development and utilization of supportive housing;
- Identifying opportunities for the investment of additional resources for supportive housing that will result in savings to the Medicaid program and improvements in the quality of services to targeted individuals.

On November 4th, NY ALFA submitted its recommendations to make **senior housing more affordable and accessible**. Additionally, a sub- committee to evaluate reform of the **State's Medicaid Assisted Living Program (ALP)** was created. NY ALFA, along with LeadingAge NY and ESAAL agreed to recommend a number of short term reforms of the ALP program.

NY ALFA also submitted an independent letter to the sub- committee, which focused on folding the ALP program into the same regulatory framework as private pay assisted living. This will eliminate barriers and encourage voluntary participation of private pay providers in the Program.

The Work Group has been actively meeting over the last month and is preparing to send its final recommendations to the Governor for consideration in his **2012-13 Executive Budget proposal**. We will send you the final recommendations as soon as they are available.

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