



SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE VOUCHER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA

GUIDE FOR CAREGIVERS/FAMILY MEMBERS

BACKGROUND

- The 2018-2019 State budget authorized the Department of Health to establish a voucher demonstration program to financially assist individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia residing in Special Needs Assisted Living Residences (SNALR).
- The Department will issue 200 vouchers to eligible residents of SNALRs that have chosen to participate in the demonstration. Vouchers will be issued to participating facilities on behalf of eligible residents for no more than 75% of the average regional monthly cost of the SNALR.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To promote aging in place by allowing individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia living in SNALR facilities to remain in the most integrated, least restrictive setting.
- To reduce unnecessary discharges to skilled nursing facilities before that level of care is required which, in turn, could delay or eliminate enrollment into Medicaid.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Residents must meet eligibility criteria, demonstrate financial need, and attest to a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or dementia to qualify. This includes:
 - Attest that they have an Alzheimer's Disease or dementia diagnosis and have resided in the facility for at least 12 months.
 - Attest that the resident's household income is equal to or less than the median income in the region in which they reside and confirm that resources are less than or equal to six months of the average regional monthly cost of a SNALR for the region in which they reside.
 - Attest that the resident is not on Medicaid or Medicaid eligible.
 - Attest that there has not been a transfer of resources or assets equaling more than three months of the average regional monthly cost of a SNALR in the region in which they reside within one year prior to the application date.
 - SNALR facilities must have opted-in to the program for a resident to apply. Please consult with your SNALR administrator regarding their participation in this demonstration program.
- Voucher applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be effective for one year, with an opportunity to renew in the second year.

HOW TO APPLY

- Residents/Caregivers must confirm that the facility has opted-in to the program.
- Download, complete and submit the application form located on the website listed below. Also, download the application Quick Guide which provides detailed instructions on how to complete the application form.
- All forms, guides, and other information are posted on the Department's website: https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/adult_care/voucher/.
- Please direct all questions to ALTCteam@health.ny.gov.