Special Needs Assisted Living Voucher Demonstration for Persons with Dementia

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What are the goals of the program?
   A. To allow individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease or dementia living in Special Needs Assisted Living Residences (SNALRS) to remain in the least restrictive, most integrated setting.

Q2. Where can I submit questions and completed documents to, including the facility attestation form?
   A. All questions and documents related to the Demonstration program can be sent to ALTCteam@health.ny.gov.

Q3. If an application for licensure as an ALR/SNALR is currently being processed, but has not been approved yet by DOH, would the facility be able to participate once approval for licensure is obtained?
   A. Only licensed ALR/SNALRs in which an attestation is submitted by August 1, 2018, will be considered for this demonstration program.

Q4. Does the voucher payment affect the individual’s supplemental security income? Would it be reported as income?
   A. A person with SSI is categorically eligible for the Medicaid program which means that they are not eligible for the Demonstration.

Q5. How does the facility determine financial eligibility of individuals?
   A. All applications from individuals for this voucher program will be submitted directly to the Department of Health (DOH or Department). DOH will make the final determination of the applicant’s financial eligibility.

Q6. If an individual already has an agreement with the SNALR to pay a reduced rate due to a financial need, would the individual be eligible to apply for the Demonstration program?
   A. As long as the individual meets the eligibility criteria as outlined at https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/adult_care/voucher/docs/eligibility.pdf, they would be eligible to apply for the Demonstration program.

Q7. What if a person is already on Medicaid, are they eligible for this Demonstration program?
   A. Individuals that are on Medicaid are not eligible for this Demonstration program.

Q8. Will individuals participating in this program be allowed to access their hospice benefit?
   A. Yes.
Q9. When can facilities expect voucher payments to be made?
   A. The Department expects that facilities will receive voucher payments on a monthly basis through the Statewide Financial System (SFS).

Q10. Can a SNALR that is not at 100% occupancy participate in this Demonstration program?
   A. Yes.

Q11. Can we find more information about the program on the DOH website?
   A. Yes, please use the following link to find out more information https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/adult_care/voucher/.

Q12. If an individual is currently applying for Medicaid, but requires SNALR, can they be part of the Demonstration and use their income to pay the difference from the voucher, and not utilize Medicaid?
   A. Any individual enrolled in the Medicaid program is not eligible for this program. All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria of the program. The eligibility criteria can be found here https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/adult_care/voucher/.

Q13. If the resident does not contribute their portion of the monthly payment, would there be grounds for discharge?
   A. The provider must follow acceptable practices regarding the termination of a residency agreement. Those requirements are outlined at 18NYCRR Section 487.5 and 488.5.

Q14. What is a State Financial System (SFS) Vendor ID?
   A. If your organization is receiving reimbursement by the State for criminal history record checks for future employees, you have a 10-digit SFS vendor identification number. Voucher payments will be made to facilities using the SFS vendor identification number. Please check with your facility’s accounting or finance department if you are unsure of your SFS Vendor Identification.

Q15. Will the department be supplying the resident agreement addendum?
   A. No, however we will provide an example to follow.

Q16. Can the 12-month rule also be applied to individuals residing in the basic ALR (even if they are not in EALR or SNALR)?
   A. Yes.

Q17. Can a resident apply if they are in the community ALR with a diagnosis but not in the SNARL?
A. No, we are currently limiting the program only to SNARL right now