Empire State Association of Assisted Living (ESAAAL) 33rd Annual Conference

Mark Kissinger, Director
Division of Long Term Care
Office of Health Insurance Programs
NYS Department of Health

May 1, 2012
DOH Reorganization

- OHIP
- OHSM
Current Initiatives

• ALP 6000 Opportunities for Development (OFD) – authorization for up to an additional 4,718 beds by March 31, 2014.

• There is no longer a requirement that these beds be associated with the decertification of Residential Health Care Facility beds.
Current Licensure Issues

• ACF Compliance Letters dated March 15, 2012 were mailed to selected ACF CON Applicants (facilities that are unlicensed but operating)

• Architectural Certification (i.e. TPAC): being re-evaluated by the Department to streamline and clarify. The next Architectural Committee will be before 6/30/12

• Applicants and/or Applicant Representatives should work directly with their assigned Project Manager

• Retirements have resulted in re-assignment of ACF CON Applications review among current Project Managers
Status of ALP Beds

- Currently there are 105 Facilities with 6,357 licensed ALP beds
- We are reviewing 38 applications for 2,341 additional ALP beds
- These combined cover 47 of the state’s counties
Status of ALR Applications

- 57 ALRs approved to date:
  - 9 are EALR
  - 11 are SNALR
  - 21 are EALR and SNALR
- 203 ALR applications currently under review representing:
  - 20,264 ALR beds
  - 8,202 EALR beds
  - 3,745 SNALR beds
Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Update

- Affordable Housing Workgroup incorporated ALP Reform into approved recommendations.
- 2012-2013 State Budget enacted many of these changes.
- Department is working administratively to achieve the remaining recommendations.
MRT ALP Reform Proposals

- The following proposals were also achieved in the 2012-2013 State Budget:
  - Allow ALP RN to conduct initial and ongoing assessments.
  - Reimburse the ALP outside of the capitated rate for these assessments.
  - Eliminate pre-admission assessment by local social services district.
MRT ALP Reform Proposals Achieved in Budget, continued

• Eliminate linkage to decertification of nursing home beds for new ALP beds.

• Enable ALP to contract with more than one Certified Home Health Agency, Long Term Home Health Care Program or other qualified provider.
MRT ALP Reform Proposals
Administrative

• DOH is working to achieve the following reform proposals administratively:
  • Allow ALP home health aides to perform for ALP residents any tasks they could perform in any other setting.
  • Allow ALP to contract for Medicare-covered therapies with non-CHHA or LTHHCP providers.
MRT ALP Reform Proposals
Administrative, continued

• Improve ALP survey process to integrate ACF/ALP and LHCSA survey components.

• Develop a forum to revisit ALP Reform next year.

• In addition, the Public Health and Planning Council last fall approved emergency regulations lifting the CHHA moratorium and allowing an ALP to become a CHHA.
MRT # 69: UAS-NY

- UAS-NY is a web-based software application that will be used by eight Long Term Care programs.
- UAS-NY is based on interRAI Community Health Assessment, which is validated and fosters inter-rater reliability.
- UAS-NY software is currently being developed and tested.
MRT # 69: UAS-NY Beta Test

Engaging 40 representative organizations to help:

• provide insight into system technical stability.

• inform statewide roll-out strategy.

• provide insight into organizational ability to integrate UAS-NY into business practices.

• provide insight on UAS-NY impact on assessed individuals.
MRT # 69: UAS-NY Beta Expectations

- Staff from participating organizations will complete the fully online courses to learn about and use the UAS-NY.

- Staff will test the UAS-NY by completing assessments and using available reports.

- Staff will provide feedback on the integration and alignment of local business practices with the UAS-NY.

- Expected implementation: January, 2013 due to integration with Medicaid Data Warehouse.
MRT Supportive Housing Initiatives
Questions? Contact Information

• Mark Kissinger, Director, Division of Long Term Care
  518-402-5673, mlk15@health.state.ny.us