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Governor

Dear Administrator:

This letter contains information for your Assisted Living Program (ALP) Medicaid reimbursement rates for calendar year 2023.

The individual survey results from the 2023 ALP minimum Wage surveys have been incorporated into the January 1, 2023 ALP rates effective in cycle 2429, check release date 3/27/2024. Accordingly, the surveys have been incorporated in the April 1, 2023 rates including the 6.5% ATB increase, also in the cycle 2429 update.

Minimum wage for the New York City, Long Island and Westchester regions have reached the statutory minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour, therefore, facilities operating in this region are unaffected by the 2023 ALP minimum wage adjustment.

The adjusted rates include an increase for Rest of State providers to \$14.20 plus applicable fringe, in accordance with the Minimum Wage Act (Article 19 of the New York State Labor Law). Please note that all minimum wage add-on components are exclusive of the home care aide minimum wage increases.

The provider-specific rates have been posted for your information at the following location under **ALP 2023 Minimum Wage Add-On**:

https://www.health.nv.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/alp/

If you have any questions regarding the Home Care Aide Wage Increase, please send an email with the subject line **ALP January 2023 Minimum Wage Increase** to <u>ALP-Rates@health.ny.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Laura Rosenthal, Director Bureau of Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Rate Setting Division of Finance and Rate Setting Office of Health Insurance Programs