



# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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*Commissioner*

Dennis P. Whalen  
*Executive Deputy Commissioner*

March 14, 2006

Dear Interested Party,

I am pleased to inform you that beginning March 29, 2006, the New York State Department of Health will hold a series of seven regional collaboration sessions across the state to discuss the design and development of a restructured long term care system in New York. During these sessions, participants will be given an opportunity to express their ideas on how to effectively reform long term care in NYS. Attached please find a registration application as well as the schedule and agenda for the sessions.

Please submit the enclosed registration application using one of the following methods: ***[Please note the reply date on the session schedule]***

1. By Mail: Registration Services at CDHS  
1695 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14207-2407
2. By Fax: (716)796-2202

Government agencies with access to CDHS STARS should register through this system.

We are expecting a large turnout for these sessions. While we will make every effort to accommodate as many participants as possible, we may have to limit the number of individuals from each organization that may attend. Registration will be confirmed prior to each session.

If you are unable to attend a regional session, there will be further opportunities for you to provide input on the design and development of a restructured long term care system in New York State. In the near future, a Request for Information (RFI) will be issued to elicit your ideas regarding community resources, service coordination and management, service programs, system oversight, infrastructure, cost neutrality, and implementation of the new system.

Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend a collaboration session, have questions, or require additional information should contact Cynthia Jones at (518) 408-3744.

Very truly yours,

Betty R. Rice, Director  
New York State Department of Health  
Office of Medicaid Management  
Division of Consumer and Local District Relations

## Regional Collaboration Session Agenda

- 10:00am:** Registration and Coffee
- 10:15am:** An overview of long term care restructuring
- 11:30am:** Q/A
- 12:00pm:** Lunch will be served
- 1:00pm:** Group discussions on restructuring
- 3:00pm:** Adjournment

While the agenda does not provide the opportunity for individual testimony, anyone wishing to furnish written comments on long term care restructuring for consideration by the Department of Health is welcome to do so at any session.

## Regional Collaboration Session Schedule

### **Wednesday, March 29, 2006**

**Region III:** Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster

**Location:** Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel  
40 Civic Center Plaza  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

**RSVP by:** Thursday, March 23, 2006

### **Wednesday, April 5, 2006**

**Region V:** Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties

**Location:** Holiday Inn in Liverpool (Syracuse)  
441 Electronics Parkway  
Liverpool, NY 13088

**RSVP by:** Thursday, March 23, 2006

### **Thursday, April 13, 2006**

**Region VI:** Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates Counties

**Location:** Rochester Airport Marriott  
1890 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, NY 14615

**RSVP by:** Thursday, March 30, 2006

**Tuesday, April 18, 2006**

**Region IV\*:** Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties

**Location:** Holiday Inn Turf  
205 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12205

**RSVP by:** Tuesday, April 4, 2006

**Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

**Region II:** Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond

**Location:** Brooklyn Marriott  
333 Adams Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**RSVP by:** Tuesday, April 11, 2006

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

**Region IV\*:** Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties

**Location:** Queensbury Hotel  
88 Ridge Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801

**RSVP by:** Tuesday, April 25, 2006

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006**

**Region I:** Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester

**Location:** Uniondale Marriot in Nassau  
101 James Doolittle Boulevard  
Uniondale, NY 11553

**RSVP by:** Monday, May 15, 2006

\* Please note that there are 2 sessions scheduled for Region IV. The May 9, 2006 session will be for those who are unable to attend the session on April 18, 2006, as well as any individuals who are unable to attend the session in their respective region.