New Opportunities on the Horizon: Assisted Living Voucher Demonstration Program for Those with Dementia

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Voucher Goals

• Keep residents of Special Needs Assisted Living Residences (SNALRs) in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment as possible

• Reduce unnecessary discharge to skilled nursing facilities before that level of care is needed
  ➢ Keep residents out of the Medicaid system
  ➢ Promote aging in place
Parameters

- **Up to 200** vouchers will be issued over two years
- Applicants must meet **eligibility criteria**, demonstrate **financial need**, **AND** be living with AD/D in a SNALR
- Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt
- A **waiting list** will be established once 200 vouchers have been issued
- Vouchers will be **effective for one year**
- DOH will notify recipients of the opportunity to **renew** for a second year
Eligibility

Applicant must:
✓ submit their most recent medical evaluation containing an **AD/D diagnosis** and meet SNALR retention standards
✓ have resided at their current facility for **at least 12 months**
✓ demonstrate they have a **household income that is equal to or less than the median household income** in their region. For the NYC region it will be 150% of the median
✓ have household resources of **less than or equal to 6 months of the average regional monthly cost** of a SNALR for their region
✓ **have not transferred resources or assets** that equal more than the average regional monthly cost of a SNALR in their region within the last year of the application date
How is voucher amount determined?

- Based on the resident’s ability to **contribute** to their monthly service fee, the voucher can be **up to 75%** of the regional monthly cost of a SNALR.
- State has been divided into regions with average monthly service costs.
Eight NYS regions

1. **Capital Region** –
   Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie

2. **Central NY Region** –
   Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins, St. Lawrence

3. **Finger Lakes Region** –
   Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates

4. **Hudson Valley Region** –
   Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester

5. **Long Island** –
   Nassau and Suffolk

6. **New York City Region** –
   Brooklyn, Bronx, New York, Queens, Richmond

7. **Northeastern NY Region** -
   Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, Washington

8. **Western NY Region** -
   Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Wyoming
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• SNALRs that opt into the demonstration will agree to accept payment and **won’t discharge a resident for non-payment** during the voucher duration, **as long as resident pays their part of the monthly service fee**
Next steps

- DOH will issue guidance
- Coalition will distribute materials to aid in promotion
- Call for testimonials to bolster the effort to increase long-term care supports in NYS
Any questions?