

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

1. 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

How is voucher amount determined?

Level of Applicant Contribution	Voucher Payment	Resident Payment
If an applicant can contribute 0-25% of their monthly service fee	75% of the average regional monthly cost	25% of rate
If an applicant can contribute 26-50% of their monthly service fee	50% of the average regional monthly cost	50% of rate
If an applicant can contribute 51%+ of their monthly service fee	25% of the average regional monthly cost	75% of rate

- 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



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