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Governor

Good Afternoon,

The New York State (NYS) Department of Health (DOH) would like to announce that as of March 1, 2023, MLTC plans are no longer required to submit the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Self-Assessment Surveys for their contracted Social Adult Day Care (SADC) sites. These SADC site self-assessments no longer need to be forwarded to DOH. MLTC plans may continue to have their contracted SADC sites complete the self-assessment surveys to share at the MLTC plan's annual or initial on-site evaluation.

Going forward, DOH will identify new SADC sites via the quarterly PNDS report. When a new SADC site is identified, DOH will be requesting your MLTC plan's initial SADC site evaluation and verifying the findings, to ensure SADC site compliance with the HCBS Final Rule.

## Reminders:

MLTC plans are still required to conduct an initial and then annual evaluation of their contracted SADC sites, utilizing the <u>Suggested SADC Site Evaluation Tool</u> or the plan's equivalent tool. The initial evaluation must be conducted prior to MLTC plans contracting with the SADC site and new SADC sites must be fully compliant before the plan can contract with that site.

DOH will continue to conduct annual compliance evaluations of the HCBS standards for SADC sites via requests directly to the MLTC plans. This will include DOH's review of SADC site specific evidence, which is submitted by the MLTC plan to DOH, and virtual on-site verifications. Compliance determination letters will be sent annually to each MLTC plan that each unique SADC has contracts with. This HCBS monitoring and compliance status for SADC sites will continue to be reported to CMS.

Please contact <u>HCBSSADCSiteAssessments@health.ny.gov</u> with any questions.

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