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DAL: DACF #23-25  
Subject: Special Needs Assisted Living  
Voucher Demonstration Program  
Application Pause

Dear Adult Care Facility Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to inform Administrators and Operators of Special Needs Assisted Living Residences (“SNALR”) who participate in the Special Needs Assisted Living Voucher Demonstration Program that as a result of wide-spread support and expanded demand for participation, the Department of Health (Department) is pausing approval of new applications effective July 28, 2023. Current voucher recipients will be able to continue in the program. Additionally, waitlisted applicants will be moved from the waitlist and added to the program as vouchers become available, so far as the addition fits under budgetary restrictions, and in the order that they were waitlisted.

Facility administrators should continue to communicate any changes in program enrollee status to the Department as soon as possible. The Department will continue to evaluate the program and update you as appropriate.

Thank you for your support of this program. If you have questions regarding this communication, please email [ALTCteam@health.ny.gov](mailto:ALTCteam@health.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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