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Subject: Uniform Assessment Systems New York
(UAS-NY) Implementation

Dear Home Care Administrators:

The initial regional implementation of the Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY) is in process for the counties listed below. Providers in these counties have begun their transition May 1, 2013, with the expected implementation to occur no later than October 1, 2013. Providers in subsequent scheduled counties will be notified by UAS-NY project staff prior to their respective transition dates to provide support on the implementation of the UAS-NY.

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| · Allegany | · Genesee | · Ontario | · Steuben |
| · Cattaraugus | · Livingston | · Orleans | · Wayne |
| · Chemung | · Monroe | · Schuyler | · Wyoming |
| · Erie | · Niagara | · Seneca | · Yates |

All organizations, including Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHA's) and Licensed Home Care Service Agencies (LHCSAs), that manage, conduct assessments, or provide services for any of following programs will be required to use UAS-NY:

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| · Adult Day Health Care | · Long Term Home Health Care Program |
| · Assisted Living Program | · Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver |
| · Care at Home I/II Waiver | · Personal Care Services Program |
| · Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program | · Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver |

The Department of Health plans to transition the State's home and community-based Medicaid Long Term Care network to full UAS-NY utilization by March 2014. There are seven phases included in this the transitional phase in which organizations will complete specified tasks that include staff training, obtaining computer resources, obtaining staff HCS accounts, and adjusting business practices to accommodate the new assessment form/process.

The UAS-NY was developed to provide a web-based software application to establish a single and unique record for individuals involved in the State's Medicaid home and community-based long-term care network. Healthcare providers will have access to an individual's demographic information, residential and service delivery addresses, assessment information, and assessment outcome information. Having this comprehensive information available to the appropriate provider supports care planning and service delivery for an individual.

We encourage you to continue to stay current with the information that is provided through the Department's website along with the educational webinars and other informational notices provided in order to be prepared and in compliance with the UAS-NY utilization requirements.

UAS-NY project staff will contact organizations prior to the respective “Begin Transition Activities” date. At that time, the project staff will provide materials to support an organization’s transition to and implementation of the UAS-NY. Additional information concerning the UAS-NY, including the instruments that will be replaced, is available on the Department’s website at:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/uniform_assessment_system/index.htm

Questions concerning the UAS-NY may be emailed to uasny@health.state.ny.us or through the **UAS-NY Support Desk at 518-408-1021.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca Fuller Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rebecca Fuller Gray, Director
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