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Dear Operator:

Legislation which eliminates the requirement that residents in assisted living programs (ALPs) be reassessed within 45 days after admission was signed into law by Governor Pataki on December 8, 2000.

Chapter 569 of the Laws of 2000 amends Social Services Law Section 461-1(2)(d)(iii) to eliminate the requirement for reassessment no later than 45 days after a resident is admitted into an ALP. The law went into immediate effect. The Department will send notification of the elimination of the requirement for the 45-day reassessment to the local Social Services districts.

Residents in ALPs must now be assessed as frequently as required to respond to changes in their conditions, but no less frequently than every six months.

Should you require additional clarification on assessment requirements for ALP residents, please contact the appropriate Department of Health Office of Continuing Care Regional or Field Office:

Capital District Field Office	(518) 271-2639
Western Regional Office	(716) 238-8185
Central Field Office	(315) 426-7707
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Sincerely,

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