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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Adult Care Facility and Assisted Living Members

**FROM:** Diane Darbyshire, Senior Policy Analyst

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**SUBJECT:** **ALP Rate Crosswalk for Transition to UAS-NY**

**ROUTE TO:** CEOs, CFOs, Administrators

ABSTRACT: What to expect as ALPs transition to new assessment tool.

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### Introduction

Last week, DOH presented an overview of the Assisted Living Program (ALP) rate crosswalk, explaining ALP billing changes when the program transitions to the Uniform Assessment System (UAS-NY) assessment tool. In the ALP, the UAS-NY will replace the PRI, DSS-4449B and DSS-4449D, but will *not* replace the Physician's order form. DOH began piloting the UAS-NY for ALPs and other providers March 1 in Broome, Chautauqua, Otsego and Warren counties; and plans to have the tool fully implemented by March 2014.

### ALP Rate Crosswalk

For billing purposes, ALPs will have to take the score from the UAS-NY and reference the ALP rate code crosswalk published in the *New York State Medicaid Update* for the proper code. The crosswalk can be accessed [here](#). DOH noted that providers may need to change payment systems in order to accommodate the transition. It should be noted that Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) plans will also be using UAS-NY, and thus comparable data will be available before ALPs and MTLCs can contract.

DOH stated clearly that the transition to the UAS-NY will **not** change any of the other requirements for ALPs or other programs using the tool. Who conducts the assessment and the frequency of assessment will not change. In addition, the ALP rate setting methodology remains

the same. The UAS-NY is not a nursing home admission tool, however, and the PRI will continue to be required for that purpose.

## How the UAS-NY Works

The UAS-NY will be an online, web-based assessment tool. The assessor will have access to assessment outcomes and data once submitting the assessment. An offline application will be available, and the data can be updated later if internet access is not available at the time the assessment is conducted. The Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) will also have access to the assessment.

Training to learn how to use the UAS-NY will be online, self-paced, accessible anywhere. All staff using UAS-NY will need to have a Health Commerce System (HCS) account. Based on role, they will have access to the respective training environment. As counties and provider types are nearing their implementation date, they will be contacted with information about beginning transition activities and training. ALPs should continue to use PRI until transitioned to UAS-NY. DOH has provided information on their gradual implementation plan for the UAS, which is summarized in the chart below.

### Seven Phase Statewide Implementation Plan

Counties/Organizations	Begin Transition Activities	Implementation of UAS-NY
PILOT: Broome, Chautauqua, Otsego, Warren	March 2012	July 1, 2013
All Managed Long Term Care Plans and networks	March 2013	July 1, 2013
Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	May 1, 2013	October 1, 2013
Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins	June 1, 2013	November 1, 2013
Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Washington	July 1, 2013	December 1, 2013
Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster Rockland	August 1, 2013	January 1, 2014
Nassau, New York City, Suffolk, Westchester	September 1, 2013	February 1, 2014

DOH will release ALP Medicaid 2011 and 2012 rates later this year. It was explained that ALPs will see a trend factor for the first quarter of 2011, which is later eliminated.

More information, including recorded presentations on the UAS-NY, can be found on the DOH MRT Website under "[Supplementation Information on Specific MRT Proposals](#)". UAS-NY is proposal number 69. The DOH website also has information on the UAS-NY which can be accessed [here](#).

If you have any questions or comments about the content of this memo, contact Diane Darbyshire at [ddarbyshire@leadingageny.org](mailto:ddarbyshire@leadingageny.org), or 518-867-8828. We are committed to helping members through this transition and are eager to hear about their experience.