

DOH Call Reviews Universal Settlement Proposal

Nursing homes that have not yet expressed their interest or disinterest in pursuing a universal appeals and litigation settlement have until Feb. 1, 2013 to do so. In an audio conference held yesterday, Dec. 17, DOH reiterated that to proceed with the discussion they need “nearly all” homes to participate. The first step is for homes to indicate their non-binding level of interest by responding to a three-question survey available [here](#), something that 62 percent of homes in the state have done. The majority of LeadingAge NY members have responded with more than 90 percent expressing interest or possible interest in the settlement. We have been advocating for DOH to reinvigorate the discussion and to directly engage with providers on this matter and are pleased that they have moved in this direction.

DOH stressed that the settlement would mitigate the negative impact of the pricing methodology for homes experiencing a rate decrease while accelerating the implementation of rate increases for homes experiencing gains. Background information about the proposal can be accessed by searching for the phrase “Universal Settlement” on the LeadingAge NY website. If you have specific questions, please contact us or email DOH at nfrates@health.state.ny.us.

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