

DOH to Release Hurricane Irene Payments to Receiving Facilities

LeadingAge NY has been informed by the Department of Health (DOH) that Hurricane Irene payments to receiving facilities are to be released. An overview of the payment process is available on our website. DOH has noted that they are paying the full per diem amount to the receiving facility regardless of whether or not the sending facility provided staff. They are doing so in order to simplify the calculation and expedite payment to the receiving facility.

As soon as we can confirm the Medicaid payment cycle, we will forward that information to members. It is important to note that the additional monies will be part of the regular Medicaid check, so providers will need to confirm that the amount included on the attached break down is included in their Medicaid check. Payment is expected in the next two to three weeks.

LeadingAge NY has been strongly advocating for the release of these funds since Hurricane Irene made landfall over a year ago. We want to thank our members for supporting this advocacy and we hope that, as noted in the DOH letter, the timeliness of future payments will be greatly improved.

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