

Case Mix Growth Concerns Delay Rates

As nursing homes await their July 2012 rates, DOH is examining case mix growth that threatens to breach the global cap. Statewide case mix increased by six percent from Jan. 2011 to Jan. 2012 resulting in calculated rate increases totaling \$200 million (annualized) for the period starting July 1 2012. DOH continues to stress their intention of making CMI rate adjustments; however, they are reviewing the rates and discussing the possibility of pre-payment MDS reviews and other strategies with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) that would facilitate the release of the rates. OMIG is tasked with the MDS audit function, but has not yet begun that auditing process. LeadingAge New York and other provider associations will meet with DOH next week to further discuss ways to ensure appropriate CMI adjustments are made and allow the July rates to be posted as quickly as possible without the gains being negated by triggering global cap rate reductions.

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