

Assisted Living Program (ALP)
Questions and Answer

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This Question and Answer document is the fourth one developed by the Department in response to frequently asked questions pertaining to the ALP. Three earlier sets of Questions and Answers were dated October 4, 1994, April 26, 1994, and October 15, 1992. We encourage you to continue to identify issues and to ask questions about the ALP. The questions inform and support the implementation process and contribute to the effective operation of the ALP. General ALP questions may be referred to the Office of Housing and Adult Services (OHAS) at (518) 432-2991. Additional questions related specifically to a Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA), a Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA) or a Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) may be referred to the Department of Health's (DoH) Bureau of Home Health Care Services at (518) 473-6473. Additional questions pertaining to Medical Assistance (MA) may be referred to the Department's Division of Health and Long Term Care (DHLTC) at (518) 473-5563 or 473-5569.

1. How are residents in an ALP to be assisted with self-administration of medications?

All ALPs operate within the confines of an adult home or an enriched housing program setting. Consequently, all residents who need assistance with self-administration of medications are to receive that assistance in accordance with the Department's medication management and assistance regulations and policies for adult homes and enriched housing programs. For adult home/ALPs these regulations are found in 18 NYCRR 487.7(f)(1)-(8) and (10)-(12) whereas for enriched housing program/ALPs they are in 488.7(d)(1)-(6) and (8). Regulation 487.7(f)(9) is applicable in an adult home/ALP and 488.7(d)(7) is applicable in an enriched housing program/ALP except that written confirmation of telephone orders from the physician must be obtained within fourteen days of the order in all ALPs.

ALP residents who are capable of self-administering their own medications must be given the option to do so without the intervention or assistance of ALP staff. Residents in need of assistance with self-administration of medications are to be assisted by appropriately trained staff in accordance with the applicable adult home or enriched housing program regulations.