

ALP Aides Soon Subject to Criminal Background Checks

ABSTRACT: NYAHSA meets with DOH on CHRC requirements for ALPs.

NYAHSA recently reported that the Department of Health (DOH) had informed a member assisted living program (ALP) that under a new interpretation, aides working in ALPs are subject to criminal history record check (CHRC) requirements. In a meeting with NYAHSA last week, senior DOH officials confirmed that they have recently determined that licensed home care services agencies (LHSCAs) that serve ALPs are covered under the CHRC statute. NYAHSA stressed that ALPs and LHCSAs need clear and direct communication from DOH on this new interpretation; education on the CHRC process before implementation; and appropriate reimbursement for the cost of the checks as other providers receive. DOH agreed to issue a *Dear Administrator letter* addressing these issues, and NYAHSA offered to assist in the education as we have for home care agencies and nursing homes.