

MEMORANDUM

TO: Long Term Home Health Care Program Members

FROM: Anne Hill, Community Services Policy Analyst

DATE: July 16, 2009

SUBJECT: **CMS Approves Extension of LTHHCP Waiver Through October 12**

ROUTE TO: Administrators, Program Directors

ABSTRACT: CMS extends LTHHCP waiver though October 12.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) granted the Department of Health (DOH) another extension of the Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) waiver. CMS authorized an extension of the waiver through **October 12**. The waiver was operating under a temporary extension through July 14.

The department and CMS are still attempting to resolve the spousal budgeting issue through amendment to New York's 1115 waiver demonstration program. NYAHS has learned that CMS has scheduled the review of the 1115 waiver proposal for September 2009. The department hopes that CMS will approve the LTHHCP waiver renewal application by October 12th; however, if there are any delays related to the review of the 1115 waiver, DOH will request another extension.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the LTHHCP waiver renewal, you may contact Anne Hill at ahill@nyahsa.org or 518-449-2707, ext. 141.