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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** RHCf Members and Community Services Members

**FROM:** Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

**DATE:** March 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** New DOH Grant Opportunity

**ROUTE TO:** Administrator, CFO, Directors of Quality Improvement and Development

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ABSTRACT: DOH announces Long Term Care Quality Improvement Initiative grants.

### Introduction

The Department of Health (DOH) has posted application information and materials for a new nursing home quality improvement grant entitled: *Long Term Care Quality Improvement Initiative* (LTCQII). Information and application materials are available at: <http://www.health.state.ny.us/funding/rfa/0708140813/index.htm>.

The grant application summarizes the goal of the LTCQII project as: “dedicated to improving the quality of the nursing home experience in New York State facilities. The LTCQII will support projects of long term care providers and others who will utilize grant monies, in addition to their own funds, to achieve sustainable improvements that will benefit nursing home residents.” As noted below, it is not required that the applicant be a nursing home.

### Additional Details

The key dates listed in the application are:

RFA Release Date: March 5, 2008  
Questions Due: March 19, 2008  
Updates Posted: April 2, 2008

Applications Due: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning April 11, 2008 through May 5, 2008.

The DOH contact name and address is:

Cathy Fiato, LTCQII Coordinator  
NYS Department of Health  
Office of Long Term Care  
Division of Residential Services  
161 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar, NY 12054

An eligible applicant must be currently licensed as a nursing home in New York State, and be certified as a Medicare/Medicaid provider; or if the applicant is not a nursing home, the applicant will have entered into a project that benefits nursing home residents in facilities certified as a Medicare/Medicaid nursing home provider in New York.

Projects must meet at least one of the following objectives of the LTCQII Program:

- Improve resident quality of life;
- Improve quality of care;
- Improve the use of data in decision making; and
- Improve cross-provider communication and information sharing.

The approximately \$1.5 million in available grant monies will be distributed in individual LTCQII awards of up to \$45,000 per applicant. Contracts will start as of July 1, 2008 and run for a maximum of 18 months.

For more detailed information please refer to the DOH link listed above.

Please contact me with any additional questions at [pcucinelli@nyahsa.org](mailto:pcucinelli@nyahsa.org) or call 518-449-2707 ext. 145.