



150 State Street, Suite 301 ♦ Albany, New York 12207-1698 ♦ Telephone: (518) 449-2707 ♦ Fax: (518) 455-8908 ♦ www.nyahsa.org

Rebasing Phase-In Approved By DOB

ABSTRACT: 2007-08 nursing home transition payments approved for release.

The state's Division of the Budget (DOB) has approved Medicaid rate add-ons that represent the initial phase-in of the new nursing home reimbursement methodology. This paves the way for release of these long-awaited funds totaling \$137.5 million for 2007 and \$167.5 million for 2008.

Because Medicaid rate processing by eMedNY may be slowed as the system is updated with the new National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), facilities should expect to receive funds six to eight weeks after the Department of Health (DOH) transmits the rate schedule. This should occur shortly after Labor Day.

The payments will be retroactive to January 1, 2007 and will include all of the first year (2007) phase-in funding and part of the second year (2008) funding. The add-on amounts are based on Joint Association Task Force estimates and will be reconciled to DOH calculations after the new methodology is implemented. Members seeking additional information should contact Darius Kirstein at ext. 104 or e-mail dkirstein@nyahsa.org.