



Home and Community Based Service (HCBS)

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Dear Health Care and Waiver Provider:

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is issuing this guidance in response to ongoing issues and questions related to the implementation of the Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY) as it relates to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver participants. As you are aware, regions throughout the state are currently transitioning to the use of the UAS-NY. As of today's date we are now within the implementation period for UAS-NY assessments in the western and central part of the state. The counties included in the phased in roll-out areas may be found in the UAS-NY Transition Guide found on the UAS-NY page of the NYSDOH website at:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/uniform_assessment_system/

This notice informs you that the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Care at Home I and II waiver programs must now perform the UAS-NY assessment. However, if the UAS-NY assessment is being completed for the purpose of establishing a level of care (LOC) for a waiver participant, the PRI/Screen must also be completed until further notice.

The Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) will continue to keep you informed of any additional information, and you are encouraged to frequent the Medicaid Redesign Team website (http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/uniform_assessment_system/).

Specific questions may be directed to the UAS mailbox at: uasny@health.state.ny.us or contact the UAS-NY support desk at 518-408-1021. You may also contact waiver staff directly via the NYSDOH, Office of Health Insurance Program, Division of Long Term Care's email address: OLTCDHCBS@health.state.ny.us. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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