

The Need for Home Care Reimbursement & Program Reform

- ❑ NY spends over \$4 B annually on home health and personal care
- ❑ Home care is one of the fastest growing area in Medicaid; between 2003 and 2006 home health spending (CHHAs) increased 43% while people served decreased by 3.6%
- ❑ Differences in payments and hours cannot be explained by patient need

Regional Long Term Care Assessment Centers

- ❑ Transfers assessment and service authorization responsibilities for certain Medicaid services from LDSSs to Long Term Care Assessment Centers
- ❑ This responsibility currently resides with local social services districts, the New York City Health Resources Administration, and in certain instances, in conjunction with provider organizations, resulting in significant variation of services and hours authorized for recipients
- ❑ Effective January 1, 2010 and beginning in NYC, authorization of Medicaid home and community based services (for all new cases) will be assumed by a vendor
- ❑ The Medicaid services to be covered:
 - ❑ ALP
 - ❑ Personal Care
 - ❑ Consumer Directed Personal Care
 - ❑ Managed Long Term Care
 - ❑ Long Term Home Health Care Program
 - ❑ CHHA Cases over 60 days*
 - ❑ No entitlement to serve is affected

Regional LTC Assessment Centers (Implementation Plan)

▶ Spring 2009

- Department of Health (DoH) issues RFP for NYC Assessment Center

▶ Late Summer/Fall 2009

- DoH selects NYC Vendor
- Vendor establishes Center (including hiring of all necessary staff)

▶ January 2010

- NYC assessment centers begin operation for all new cases

▶ 2011

- NYC assessment center submits preliminary report to the Department of Health

▶ January 2012

- Statewide implementation of Regional Assessment Centers for All Cases based on NYC experience
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