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**TO: NYSRA AGENCY EXECUTIVES**

## **Focus on Long Term Care**

In the second wave of Health Home implementation, the long term care is a focus. The long term care health home approach includes two potential components both of which are still under development. The first component is to build a health home from within the existing managed long term care plan (MLTCP) structure and leverage and improve the existing care management that exists inside of that program. The developmental disabilities population is currently served in an existing targeted care management (TCM) program which likely would convert to a health home model after work is more fully finalized on the Section 1115 Medicaid Managed Care waiver now being negotiated with CMS.

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/medicaid\\_health\\_homes/nys\\_implementation.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/nys_implementation.htm)

## **Mapping party lines....**

Budget hearings and other legislative action were largely overshadowed Albany the past couple of days by the release of the new district maps for members of the Senate and Assembly. The Legislative Taskforce on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR) put the new maps up on the LATFOR at <http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/>. Thursday afternoon. The lines have drawn sharp criticism from the Senate Democrats and good government groups. The new Senate lines pit six incumbent democrats against each other and would create a 63<sup>rd</sup> Senate seat in the Capital Region. Governor Cuomo, who has repeatedly vowed to veto any lines that were not drawn through an independent process, has called the new lines "unacceptable." The chairs of LATFOR, Assemblymember McEneny and Senator Nozzolio, defended the proposed lines and the process used to develop the lines. In the coming weeks LATFOR will be holding another round of public hearings. The complete schedule is available on LATFOR's website.

## **Behavioral Management Techniques: Feb 12 deadline for comment**

NYSRA is currently preparing comments for OPWDD on the agency's promulgated regulation regarding behavior management techniques. More than 30 agencies participated in a conference call with NYSRA staff on January 13 to discuss responses to the regulation. We received some highly constructive observations and comments on the regulation and share the concern of many that it appears to be dated, regressive and in conflict with the spirit of OPWDD's own PROMOTE training regimen in some areas. It also is a regulation that appears to carry some additional costs – to varying degrees, depending on a provider agency's current workforce. While provider association input will be sent to OPWDD, we urge individual provider agencies to consider sending their own comments to the Counsel's Office prior to the February 13 deadline for receiving comments on the proposed regulation. The regulation, a summary of its provisions, and a memorandum from the Counsel's Office can be viewed at this link to the OPWDD web site: [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/regs/hp\\_regs\\_behavior\\_management.jsp](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/regs/hp_regs_behavior_management.jsp)

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