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**Temporary Suspension of Medicaid Payment Lag – Hurricane Sandy Providers**

LeadingAge NY continues to advocate for short-term cash relief for our members impacted by Hurricane Sandy. This is part of an effort to provide some cash relief prior to the related [billing reconciliation slated for this April](#), in recognition of the continuing efforts and costs incurred in caring for evacuated residents from Hurricane Sandy.

Under this option, DOH is willing to suspend the Medicaid payment lag for providers who have received evacuated residents for up to two billing cycles. DOH will evaluate the financial impact of patient days related to those evacuees versus the potential financial advantage. DOH has asked us to assist in determining the level of interest on the part of our member facilities.

If you are interested in pursuing a potential release of the payment lag, please provide the following information:

- Number of evacuated residents your facility received \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of patient days related to the evacuated residents you received \_\_\_\_\_

Responses are due no later than close of business **Tuesday, February 19, 2013**.

The lag would then be restored in conjunction with the billing reconciliation effort currently underway with expected settlements this April. Facilities should have their administrators attest to the above information.

Name of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid Provider Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attestation)

Please respond via email to: [pcucinelli@leadingageny.org](mailto:pcucinelli@leadingageny.org).

Call me with any questions at 518-867-8827.