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MEMORANDUM

TO: Adult Care Facility and Assisted Living Members

FROM: Diane Darbyshire, Senior Policy Analyst

DATE: February 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Application for EQUAL Funds Available

ROUTE TO: CEOs, CFOs, Administrators

DOH has issued the application for EQUAL funds. This funding is available to adult homes and enriched housing programs that serve recipients of SSI or Safety Net Benefits, including assisted living programs (ALPs) and assisted living residences (ALRs). Provided as an attachment to this memo is the Dear Administrator letter (DAL) issued by DOH, along with the EQUAL application and an application for an SFS account. **EQUAL applications are due by 4pm on Thursday, February 28, 2013.**

Funding will be distributed via the Statewide Financial System (SFS), so any organizations that do not yet have an SFS account must register as soon as possible using the attached SFS Application Form. **Once the form is complete, forward it to Dot Persico at DOH, using the contract information below. E-mail will allow the most expedient processing and is therefore recommended.**

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As has been the case in the past two years, ALPs will see a cut in the EQUAL payment as an alternative to the two percent cut in the ALP Medicaid rate. We negotiated this alternative to the state because a Medicaid cut ultimately takes twice as much money from the provider as the state achieves in savings. This cut is to state-only dollars, and thus results in a lesser cut to you.

Please review the DAL and application carefully for more information. If you have any questions or comments about the contents of this memo, contact Diane Darbyshire at ddarbyshire@leadingageny.org or 518-867-8828.