

QIVAPP Funding Cover:

This note provides information on the current status and funding for the QIVAPP pool established for SFY14-15. Outlined below is the current process to provide preliminary awards as well as establish the reconciliation process.

Preliminary Distribution (attachment)

An initial amount of \$35 million from the \$70 million QIVAPP pool has been allocated to plans based on hours submitted under the QIVAPP application for providers preliminarily identified as meeting program requirements. A file is attached that lists providers submitted via the application process that have received a preliminary award for your plan. The total amount for all awarded providers for your plan will be paid in a lump sum payment, targeted to be released in January 2015. It is the responsibility of the plan to pass the specified funding through to the identified providers.

Attestation (attachment)

Also attached is an attestation form that the CEO from your plan must sign confirming that the specified funding will be passed through to the identified providers. The attestation form must be signed and returned to the DOH **by December 31, 2014** to ensure payment. The form should be sent to the email: hcworkerparity@health.state.ny.us, with *QIVAPP Attestation* indicated in the subject line.

Verification (attachment)

A third attachment is also included that lists providers that have not been verified as meeting program requirements or need license number verification. For those providers requiring supporting documentation, your plan must submit supporting documentation on the pool standards that include the specific components below:

- A QIPP shall maintain or participate in a specialty training program for home health aides and personal care aides, and shall provide a letter of support for that training program from labor organizations. If a QIPP can demonstrate a specialty training program but cannot obtain a letter of support from a labor organization, the Department will consider exceptions to that element.
- The QIPP has a written quality assurance program (already required by DOH regulations) that has been successfully implemented.
- The QIPP participates in a health benefit fund for their home health care and/or personal care aides and/or provides comprehensive health insurance coverage to their employees.

All supporting documentation and license number verification is due **by December 31, 2014** and should be sent to the email: hcworkerparity@health.state.ny.us, with *QIVAPP Supporting Documentation* indicated in the subject line.

Reconciliation

Once all supporting documentation has been received and reviewed by the DOH, A reconciliation of the entire \$75 million QIVAPP pool will be done with final payments for plan distribution to approved providers. Final reconciled awards will be made in the first quarter of calendar year 2015.