

MEMORANDUM

A.7369 (McDonald)/S.2867 (Rivera)

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the provision of services to certain persons suffering from traumatic brain injuries or qualifying for nursing home diversion and transition services

LeadingAge New York supports this legislation, which would allow individuals receiving Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) waiver services to continue to receive such services outside of managed care programs.

LeadingAge NY represents not-for-profit long term care providers, including TBI and NHTD service providers, as well as managed care plans. At this time, managed care plans already have all they can handle transitioning the current populations and would struggle to deal with a whole new risk pool with its own new set of complications. New York moved the nursing home benefit into Managed Long Term Care in July 2015; adding yet another high acuity population such as TBI/NHTD to plans will undoubtedly place some plans in further peril and consumers in jeopardy.

There are also no cost savings associated with moving TBI/NHTD into managed care. Given the significant programmatic changes absorbed by Medicaid Managed Care and Managed Long Term Care plans in recent years, the interests of all stakeholders would be best served by focusing on current populations and benefits.

For these reasons, LeadingAge New York supports A.7369 (McDonald)/S.2867 (Rivera) and urges that it be adopted.

LeadingAge New York represents over 400 not-for-profit and public long-term care providers, including nursing homes, home care agencies, senior housing, retirement communities, assisted living, adult care facilities, adult day health care and managed long term care.