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Commissioner

**NEW YORK**  
*state department of*  
**HEALTH**

Sue Kelly  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

March 13, 2013

Dear Administrator:

**Subject: Home Care Worker Wage Parity Compliance**

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a reminder that implementation of the Home Care Worker Wage Parity law began on March 1, 2012. In Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties implementation began on March 1, 2013 and Phase II implementation for New York City began on March 1, 2013. The templates for these forms are available on the Health Commerce System (HCS) and the MRT website at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/2013-02-21\\_wage\\_parity\\_alert.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/2013-02-21_wage_parity_alert.htm)

Be advised that until your organization submits the certification of compliance form, your organization is out of compliance with the terms of the Home Care Worker Parity requirements; non-compliance will result in non-payment of services rendered, as required by Public Health Law § 3614-c(2).

If you have any questions regarding the information or want to submit your certification form(s), please email to the following address: [HCWorkerParity@health.state.ny.us](mailto:HCWorkerParity@health.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



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