

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Members

**FROM:** Anne Hill, Community Services Policy Analyst

**DATE:** November 9, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **State Submits Plan to Offer Supported Housing for Adult Home Residents**

**ROUTE TO:** Administrators, Directors

ABSTRACT: Supportive housing for adult home residents.

Governor Paterson recently announced that the state has submitted a plan that, if implemented, would offer Supported Housing to individuals with mental illness who currently reside in certain adult homes in New York City. The plan was prepared in compliance with a recently issued court order in a lawsuit that commenced in 2003. The complete press release can be read [here](#). To read more about the federal court decision, see [NYAHSA Doc ID #n00003833](#).

If implemented, the plan would not require an adult home resident to move to Supported Housing if he or she does not want to move, and a resident would not be offered Supported Housing if he or she is not clinically appropriate for such environment, in the judgment of a qualified clinician.

Supported Housing units funded by the Office of Mental Health are apartments occupied by individuals with mental illness who are able to prepare meals, clean, budget and manage medication with minimal assistance.

The court is expected to rule on the state's plan and issue a final judgment in the case in the near future. At that time, the state will evaluate its options for appeal.

NYAHSA counsel is reviewing the state's plan. To listen to the audio conference of this and other Assisted Living court decisions, see: [NYAHSA Doc ID #n00004001](#).

If you have questions or comments regarding the governor's press release or federal court ruling, please contact Anne Hill at (518) 449-2707 ext. 141, or by e-mail at [ahill@nyahsa.org](mailto:ahill@nyahsa.org).