

UAS-NY Statewide Implementation Plan Update (March 12, 2013)

In March 2013, the New York State Department of Health began implementation of the Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY). The overall goal of the UAS-NY is to utilize a comprehensive assessment system within eight Medicaid community-based long term care services and programs across New York State.

All organizations that manage and conduct assessments for any of the following programs will be required to use UAS-NY.

- Adult Day Health Care
- Assisted Living Program
- Care at Home I/II Waiver
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program
- Long Term Home Health Care Program
- Managed Long Term Care
- Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver
- Personal Care Services Program
- Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver

The statewide implementation of the UAS-NY consists of three concurrently-executed plans:

- ❑ **Pilot:** The Pilot is the first live use of the UAS-NY. Four counties involved in the UAS-NY beta test in the summer of 2012 have been identified to participate in the Pilot. The four counties are: Broome, Chautauqua, Otsego, and Warren. The Pilot will begin March 2013 with the availability of the UAS-NY application.

The Pilot will be conducted for approximately two months, upon which time all organizations in these four counties who are involved in home and community-based long term care programs—*except Managed Long Term Care plans*—will thereafter conduct assessments using only the UAS-NY.

- ❑ **Managed Long Term Care:** All MLTC plans throughout the entire state will begin in March 2013 making preparations for using the UAS-NY; such that, beginning July 1, 2013, all assessments conducted under MLTC will be performed using *only* the UAS-NY.

- ❑ **Statewide Implementation:** The remaining counties/regions throughout New York State will transition to using the UAS-NY according to the rolling implementation schedule, presented in the table below.

The Begin Transition date indicates the point in time at which organizations located in the Counties column will be contacted by the UAS-NY project team to formally begin their transition to using the UAS-NY. This is also the date the UAS-NY project team will be prepared to work directly with those organizations.

The Implementation Deadline is the *latest* date an organization will be allowed to use the currently administered assessment instruments, *not the earliest date it may use the UAS-NY*. After the respective Implementation Deadline, organizations within a county must administer assessments using *only* the UAS-NY.

Organizations may complete the transition activities more expediently than the amount of time afforded by the implementation schedule—but *still according to the plan's timeline for counties/regions*. The UAS-NY project team welcomes and encourages organizations to do so.

Region	Counties	Begin Transition	Implementation Deadline
Region VI	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	May 1, 2013	October 1, 2013
Region V	Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins	June 1, 2013	November 1, 2013
Region IV	Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Washington	July 1, 2013	December 1, 2013
Region III	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster, Rockland	August 1, 2013	January 1, 2014
Regions I & II	Nassau, New York City, Suffolk, Westchester	September 1, 2013	February 1, 2014

To assist all organizations affected by the implementation of the UAS-NY, and based on feedback from UAS-NY beta participants, the UAS-NY project team has prepared extensive transition resources to support your efforts including the [UAS-NY Transition Guide](#).

The purpose of the UAS-NY Transition Guide is to provide organizations with the information necessary to successfully transition to using the UAS-NY. This guide is intended to be used in conjunction with the courses and resources available in the UAS-NY Training Environment.

Please note that although the Department is making the UAS-NY Transition Guide widely available, organizations are strongly encouraged to follow the phased roll-out of the UAS-NY as described above. Due to the inter-related nature of the provision of home and community-based services within a county/region, organizations that opt to transition to the UAS-NY ahead of the designated schedule must ensure that critical partner agencies, such as local departments of social services, are prepared to use and accept the UAS-NY assessment instruments.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email the UAS-NY project team at uasny@health.state.ny.us or call the UAS-NY Support Desk at 518-408-1021 during regular business hours.