



# Uniform Assessment System - New York Implementation Overview for Region V Providers

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# UAS-NY Overview



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# UAS-NY Assessment Instruments

- UAS-NY Community Assessment
- Pediatric Assessment for Ages 4 through 17
- Pediatric Assessment from Birth through Age 3

# UAS-NY Application

- Single record for individuals engaged in Medicaid Long Term Care system
- Secure system accessed through HCS web portal
- Role-based system
- Immediate access to reporting functionality
- Ability to use online and offline
- Ad hoc reporting capability

# Training Environment

- Online, self-paced topic-specific courses
- Mandatory and recommended courses
- Reference Manuals and User Guides
- Accessed directly from the UAS-NY

# Benefits of UAS-NY

- Establishes uniformity of assessment across assessors
- Uses assessment outcomes to guide care planning
- Uses consumer assessment history data to guide program and service planning
- Supports Quality Improvement
- Supports improved management activities

# UAS-NY Implementation



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# Successful Integration of UAS-NY: A Two Phase Process

## **Transition:**

includes all the steps and activities that organizations must take before assessments are administered using the UAS-NY

## **Implementation:**

begins when staff start using the UAS-NY to administer assessments

# Organizational Transition Activities

- Establish a leadership team; appoint a UAS-NY Coordinator
- Learn fundamental concepts about the UAS-NY application
- Conduct an organizational assessment
- Ensure staff access to UAS-NY
- Promote staff readiness
- Conduct UAS-NY one-time set-up activities

# Resources and Technical Assistance

- Webinars to Support Implementation
  - Kick-off webinar for UAS Coordinators
  - Preparing Staff Access to the UAS-NY
  - UAS-NY Training Environment Orientation
- Technical support via email or phone

# Immediate Organizational Transition Activities



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# Statewide Implementation Plan

- Transition to UAS-NY began March 2013 and will be fully implemented statewide by March 2014
- UAS-NY will replace existing assessment instruments in the following programs/plans:
  - Adult Day Health Care
  - Assisted Living Program
  - Care at Home Waivers I & II
  - Consumer Directed Home Care
  - Long Term Home Health Care
  - Managed Long Term Care
  - Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver
  - Personal Care
  - Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver

# Statewide Implementation Plan

<b>Pilot Counties: Broome, Chautauqua, Otsego, Warren (<i>Live Data</i>)</b>	<b>Full implementation by June 30, 2013</b>
<b>Managed Long Term Care Plans</b>	<b>Begin using UAS-NY July 1, 2013</b>
<b>Complete Transition to UAS-NY</b>	<b>Spring 2014</b>

# Statewide Implementation Plan

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

# General Timeline

<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish Leadership Team</li><li>• Ensure staff access to UAS-NY</li></ul>
<b>June/July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review organization's assessment and business processes</li></ul>
<b>July through August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote staff readiness to use UAS-NY<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete online training</li><li>• Complete in-house training</li></ul></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review organization's IT infrastructure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hardware for field staff</li><li>• Network and data systems</li></ul></li><li>• Begin UAS-NY Start-up Tasks</li></ul>
<b>Not later than November 1, 2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use UAS-NY Community and Pediatric Assessments</li><li>• Support integration of UAS-NY into business processes</li></ul>



## Key Dates for Region V Service Providers

By May 22 , 2013	Submit name and contact information of UAS-NY and HCS Coordinators
May 24, 2013	UAS-NY Transition Guide will be sent to UAS-NY Coordinators
June 3, 2013	UAS-NY Kick-off Webinar for UAS-NY Coordinators
June 17, 2013	Preparing Staff Access to UAS-NY Webinar
July 8, 2013	UAS-NY Training Environment Orientation Webinar
No later than November 1, 2013	Begin using UAS-NY Community and Pediatric Assessments

**Additional information can be found on the  
DOH Website**

**[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/uniform\\_assessment\\_system/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/uniform_assessment_system/index.htm)**

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# **Questions about the UAS-NY**