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Dear Adult Day Services Provider,

Happy New Year and all good wishes for the days ahead!

2011 was a year of sea change in the planning process for Long Term Care in New York State. As Governor Cuomo began his administration, the Medicaid Redesign Team began its work with all due speed. In the effort to identify cost-effective, consumer choice-focused services, it became clear that Adult Day Services would have greater visibility than ever before in NYS.

And NYSADSA was there in Albany to represent you. Please take a moment to review the many accomplishments of this past year. Meetings with the Governor's office, the Medicaid Redesign Team, the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Office for the Aging topped the list. Our Legislative agenda was listened to and we have gained traction to grow our services in ways that are responsive to the needs of the growing number of New Yorkers who want to remain at home, connected to their communities, for as long as possible.

New York State Adult Day Services (NYSADSA) provider organization is here to represent your program and your participants and family caregivers. Our dues are reasonable and we promise to keep the focus on the broadest opportunities for adult day services to meet the needs of those who need our care to maintain function and enjoy each day in the company of others.

During the past year we have effectively used technology for our regular bi-weekly Board meetings when we received updates from Rebecca Marino, VP at Capitol Hill Management. Rebecca effectively represents our interests in Albany. We introduced email blasts to keep members current. And this year we will introduce monthly "Open Discussion" conference calls and trainings for members only. Topics such as "Care Planning to Achieve Meaningful Outcomes" (Feb. 9th; 3:00 – 4:00 PM) and "Preparing for Managed Long Term Care: How to Determine Rates" (Mar. 8th; 3:00 – 4:00 PM) are just a start. For programs that are just starting or want to expand in new directions to serve special populations, we will also host conference calls for Q and A.

Our first major event in 2012 will be our Albany Updates and Lobby Day; see the attached "Save the Date" for details. Don't miss out on the valuable information that will be shared by NYSADSA leadership and state officials. **Keep your finger on the pulse of our industry; become a member today!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at egeary@cpclongisland.org.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Geary, President

PS: You may notice that we are using our Membership Dues Invoice to gather more information so that we are prepared to describe the range of member services available across New York State. We have also added fields to capture more email contact information. Please be sure to give us as many individual program contacts as necessary to ensure that the right person in each agency gets access to the timely information we will be sending out. Thanks much!

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