

MEDICAID ALERT

September 19, 2012

ENDING MANAGED CARE EXEMPTION FOR
WAIVER “LOOK-ALIKES”

The purpose of this Alert is to inform Community Based Organizations, Client Representatives, Certified Home Health Agencies and other providers that the waiver “look-alikes” exemption for managed care ended September 1st. This exemption had been available for consumers who have the same characteristics and needs as consumers enrolled in Medicaid waiver programs such as Traumatic Brain Injury, Care at Home, Home and Community Based Services for the Developmentally Disabled, and the Nursing Home Transition Waiver, but are not enrolled in a waiver program.

Such consumers may decide they now want to apply for a waiver program or designation as developmentally disabled. Because this process may take more than 30 days, SDOH has decided to allow an exemption for up to six months for non-dually eligible consumers who are in the process of applying for a waiver program or designation as developmentally disabled. To qualify for this exemption, consumers must call NY Medicaid Choice at 800-505-5678, to inform staff that they are applying for waiver services.

PLEASE SHARE THIS ALERT WITH ALL APPROPRIATE STAFF