



New York's Uniform Assessment System is Coming **DOH Announces Implementation Timeline**

DOH will begin transitioning several Medicaid long-term care programs towards using its new Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY) on March 1, 2013. These programs include:

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

The UAS-NY is a web-based tool that will create a single record for each individual in the participating programs. It is intended to help providers assess a person's health status, needs, and preferences so that he/she will receive "the right care, within the right setting, and at the right time." Separate comprehensive assessments will be used for children and adults.

The beginning dates for transition activities and full implementation of the UAS-NY will vary by county. Upstate counties will begin transition activities on May 1, June 1, or July 1. Downstate counties will begin transition activities on August 1 or September 1. DOH will assign providers to various implementation phases, each of which has associated tasks that will need to be completed.

DOH said that it expects UAS-NY staff will contact providers in advance to help prepare them for the transition process. Providers can also visit the [DOH website](#) to view materials on UAS-NY.

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