



Recent Regulations About Adult Homes: How Do They Affect You?

WHAT ARE THE NEW REGULATIONS?

On January 16, 2013, the State Department of Health (DOH) issued new rules about some adult homes. These new rules affect “transitional adult homes.” Transitional adult homes are large adult homes where at least 25% of the residents have a serious mental illness. Unless they are granted a waiver, these adult homes cannot admit new residents who have a serious mental illness. They also require the homes to create compliance plans. The plans must reduce the number of people with a serious mental illness in an adult home by placing them in housing in the community.

IS MY ADULT HOME AFFECTED BY THESE REGULATIONS?

The DOH lists the following New York City homes as transitional adult homes that are subject to the regulations:

Belle Harbor Manor	Queens Adult Care Center
Brooklyn Adult Care Center	Riverdale Manor Home for Adults
Central Assisted Living, LLC	Rockaway Manor HFA
Elm York LLC	S.S. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home
Garden of Eden Home	Sanford Home
Harbor Terrace Adult Home and Assisted Living	Seaview Manor, LLC
Kings Adult Care Center	Surf Manor Home for Adults
Lakeside Manor Home for Adults	Surfside Manor Home for Adults
Mermaid Manor Home for Adults	Wavecrest Home for Adults
New Gloria's Manor Home for Adults	New South Shore Manor
New Haven Manor	West 74 th Street Home
Oceanview Manor Home for Adults	West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Park Inn Home	
Parkview Home for Adults	

WILL ADULT HOMES CLOSE BECAUSE OF THESE REGULATIONS?

No adult homes have closed because of these regulations. Over the years, some adult homes have closed for a variety of reasons. If an adult home were to close, there is a process to make sure that the residents are provided with other housing.

IF MY ADULT HOME IS A TRANSITIONAL ADULT HOME, WILL I HAVE TO MOVE?

If you are a person with a serious mental illness, the adult home's compliance plan should provide you with other housing options. Depending on the plan, you might have to move eventually. This process could take several years. The regulation does not require the adult home to move all residents with serious mental illness.

WHERE WILL RESIDENTS MOVE?

Transitional adult homes have to plan to move some residents to community settings. These settings could include supported housing apartments, supported single room occupancy, supportive housing, community residences, apartment treatment, senior housing, enriched housing, or other housing alternatives.

WHAT SHOULD AN ADULT HOME COMPLIANCE PLAN LOOK LIKE?

The plan should state:

- how the adult home will reduce the number of residents with serious mental illness;
- how long it will take the home to reduce the number of residents with serious mental illness;
- how the home plans to meet the needs of its residents while carrying out the plan, including how to:
 - help residents develop independent living skills
 - ensure resident access to quality mental health services,
 - encourage resident involvement and integration in the community, and
 - foster a homelike atmosphere.

WHEN WILL PEOPLE START MOVING?

There is no set date when people will start moving. Adult homes had until 2015 to come up with compliance plans. The DOH then reviews the plans and decides whether to approve them. Once approved, adult homes must implement the plans over a reasonable period of time.

WHAT IF AN ADULT HOME DOESN'T SUBMIT A COMPLIANCE PLAN?

The DOH will make a compliance plan for the adult home.

WHO IS INVOLVED BESIDES THE ADULT HOME?

The DOH, including its community transition coordinator; housing providers; and staff from health plans will be involved in the transition. The adult home must provide space for residents to meet with these people or groups. The adult home should not discourage residents from meeting with outside groups.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WANT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PLACE?

Tell your case manager. If you have a health home or managed long term care plan, talk to them. Call Mobilization for Justice's Adult Home Advocacy Project toll-free at 877-417-2427 and we can provide updates on the process.

WHAT IF SOMEONE TELLS ME THAT I SHOULDN'T MOVE OR THAT I'M UNABLE TO LIVE MORE INDEPENDENTLY AND I DISAGREE?

If you are being discouraged from seeking other housing, call Mobilization for Justice's Adult Home Advocacy Project toll-free at 877-417-2427.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PLACE?

If you are approached by housing providers or your health plan, you can tell them that you do not want to move. If you feel comfortable, you may want to tell them why you don't want to move. You can also call Mobilization for Justice's Adult Home Advocacy Project toll-free at 877-417-2427 if you want to discuss your concerns confidentially.

WHY WERE THESE REGULATIONS ISSUED?

The State Office of Mental Health decided that housing large numbers of people with serious mental illness in adult homes is "not conducive to the recovery or rehabilitation of the residents."

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may call Mobilization for Justice's, Inc.'s Adult Home Advocacy Project toll free at 877-417-2427 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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