

Proposed Settlement for NYC Adult Home Residents with Mental Illness: How Does It Affect You?

Questions? Call MFY toll-free at (877) 417-2427

What is the proposed settlement?

On July 22, 2013, adult home residents and the U.S. Department of Justice reached a proposed settlement with New York State. The Court must decide whether to approve the settlement. If approved, residents with serious mental illness in 23 New York City adult homes will have the opportunity to move to community housing if they qualify and want to move. Community housing will come with appropriate support services residents want and need to succeed. The State will fund at least 2,000 units of Supported Housing for adult home residents, and more if needed.

The court must approve the settlement before anything happens. Residents will get a written description of the settlement. Residents will get a written notice of the court hearing. The Court will decide whether or not to approve the settlement.

When and where is the court hearing?

The fairness hearing will be on **Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 11 a.m.** It will be held at the Brooklyn Courthouse of the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The judge presiding over the hearing is the Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis. Residents can register to speak at the hearing by calling MFY toll-free at (877) 417-2427 by <u>December 20</u>.

What is Supported Housing?

Supported Housing is an apartment in the community that comes with rent assistance and support services. You can live alone or with roommates. The support services may include visits from case managers or help with moving, health care, shopping, maintaining a home, medication, or personal care.

Does the settlement require my adult home to close?

The settlement does not require any adult home to close. If your home closes for any reason, there is a process to make sure that all residents get other housing.

Will the proposed settlement affect me?

The proposed settlement will affect residents in these 23 adult homes:

Belle Harbor Manor Oceanview Manor Home for Adults

Brooklyn Adult Care Center Park Inn Home

Central Assisted Living, LLC Parkview Home for Adults Elm York LLC Queens Adult Care Center

Garden of Eden Home Riverdale Manor Home for Adults

Harbor Terrace Adult Home and Rockaway Manor HFA

Assisted Living S.S. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home

Kings Adult Care Center Sanford Home

Lakeside Manor Home for Adults Seaview Manor, LLC

Mermaid Manor Home for Adults

New Gloria's Manor Home for Adults

Surfside Manor Home for Adults

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New Haven Manor Wavecrest Home for Adults

When can I move to community housing?

If the Court approves the settlement, adult home residents with serious mental illness may choose to move to community housing, including supported housing. Everyone who qualifies will have the choice to move to community housing within 5 years.

Who would help me move to Supported Housing or other housing?

Supported Housing providers would come to your adult home to discuss the benefits of Supported Housing. They can help you move if you choose to do so.

Who will be considered to have "serious mental illness"?

A serious mental illness affects a person's ability to do important things like work, concentrate, or sleep. Residents will be considered to have a serious mental illness, for example, if they have received mental health services licensed by the Office of Mental Health in the past 2 years, or if they get SSI or SSD because of mental illness.

What if someone tells me that I can't move or that I'm unable to live more independently?

If you are being discouraged from seeking other housing, call MFY toll-free at (877) 417-2427 for advice and assistance.