

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 settlement?

On March 17, 2014, a federal court approved a settlement that affects adult home residents with serious mental illness. Adult home residents and the U.S. Department of Justice reached this settlement with New York State. 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 the 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.

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 Brooklyn Adult Care Center Central Assisted Living, LLC Elm York LLC Garden of Eden Home Harbor Terrace Adult Home and Assisted Living Kings Adult Care Center Lakeside Manor Home for Adults Mermaid Manor Home for Adults New Gloria's Manor Home for Adults New Haven Manor Oceanview Manor Home for Adults Park Inn Home Parkview Home for Adults Queens Adult Care Center Riverdale Manor Home for Adults Rockaway Manor HFA S.S. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home Sanford Home Seaview Manor, LLC Surf Manor Home for Adults Surfside Manor Home for Adults Wavecrest Home for Adults

When can I move to community housing?

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. Outreach has already begun to some residents in Brooklyn and Queens. While there have been some unexpected delays for many residents, <u>some Brooklyn and Queens residents</u> <u>have already moved</u>.

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.