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**[Consulting Co. Predicts Dire Future For Medicaid Long Term Care](#)**

A recent report by the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions, "Medicaid Long Term Care - The Ticking Time Bomb," claims that the costs of Medicaid’s long-term care services could cripple states financially. According to the report, the convergence of an aging population and health care reform’s mandate for increased access to care will have far-reaching consequences for Medicaid, including forcing the reexamination of existing benefit programs for the elderly and the poor.

According to the report, “Medicaid LTC programs offer significant opportunity for state officials to demonstrate leadership; however, it requires urgent, thoughtful attention and deliberate action.” The report also states that New York State is particularly vulnerable. It has the highest Medicaid spending in the country, with currently 30 percent of the state budget devoted to the program. The study predicts a 50 percent increase in the next twenty years.

[\[http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-UnitedStates/LocalAssets/Documents/US\\_CHS\\_2010LTCinMedicaid\\_062110.pdf\]](http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-UnitedStates/LocalAssets/Documents/US_CHS_2010LTCinMedicaid_062110.pdf)

## [Federal Court: NY Must Immediately Move 1000s Out of Institutional Adult Homes](#)

[Excerpted from *The New York Times*, Published: June 24, 2010]

A federal appeals court has ruled that New York State must comply with a lower court's order to begin immediately transferring thousands of people with mental illness in New York City out of large, institutional group homes and into their own homes and apartments, where they will continue to receive specialized treatment and services.

The decision by a two-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to lift a stay of the lower court order means that after seven years of litigation, the state must now hurriedly begin the process of developing and executing a plan to create at least 1,500 units of so-called supportive housing a year for the next three years at state expense.

"Certainly it's a complicated and important process that hopefully won't get bogged down in bureaucracy," said Geoff Lieberman, executive director of the [Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and Disabled](#), an organization of adult homes and nursing home residents. "We're hoping that there are a good number of adult home residents who will be able to move over the next 6 to 12 months."

[\[http://nyti.ms/aDlz9r\]](http://nyti.ms/aDlz9r)

## [New PHI Website Puts Focus on Long Term Care Best Practices](#)

PHI (formerly the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute) has created a new resource on its website with profiles of "best practices" employed in nursing homes and home and community-based settings. Currently the website presents six best practice profiles, ranging from a facility in Seattle that uses a person-centered approach to care, giving its direct-care staff more autonomy, to a home care association in the Bronx which developed "a comprehensive and **integrated model** for direct-care worker recruitment, training, and retention."

According to a notice on PHI's website, it "will publish 20 best practice profiles and several multimedia case studies of particularly innovative care facilities throughout the year."

[\[http://phinational.org/archives/phi-profiles-best-practices-in-long-term-care/\]](http://phinational.org/archives/phi-profiles-best-practices-in-long-term-care/)

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[www.assisted-living411.org](http://www.assisted-living411.org): For information on assisted living, including consumer issues and policies.

www.nursinghome411.org: For information on developments in nursing home care, regulation and policy issues.

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## **LTCCC Links of Interest**

[View the latest enforcement actions against nursing homes in New York State.](#)

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### **Latest Downloads:**

1. Long term care information booklet in [Chinese](#) and [English](#) for Chinese consumers: *What You Need to Know about Long Term Care*.
2. LTCCC study: *Government Monitoring & Oversight of Nursing Home Care in [Word 2007](#) or [PDF](#).*

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