



March 17, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
New York State
Executive Chamber
Albany, New York 12077

Re: Implementation of a Single Fiscal Intermediary for CDPAP

Dear Governor Hochul:

On behalf of New York's older adult population, I write to express our great concern over the existing timeline for the implementation of a single fiscal intermediary for the Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which is set to take place on April 1, 2025.

AARP New York is alarmed about recent news reports suggesting that the state's transition to a single, statewide fiscal intermediary for CDPAP is facing significant obstacles. One of the biggest concerns is that 145,000 consumers in the current fiscal intermediary arrangements have yet to be enrolled in the new statewide fiscal intermediary program by this fast-approaching deadline.

It is AARP's understanding that at the end of 2024, there were 280,000 consumers and about 425,000 Personal Assistants (PAs) within CDPAP. As of March 10, 2025, only 89,769 consumers have "completed" the registration process. However, even if every consumer is fully enrolled, they are still in danger of losing their home care if all of their PAs are not also fully registered in the new system. So far, 112,500 PAs have "started or completed" the registration process but if not fully registered, they will not get paid.

This current situation with incomplete enrollments for both the consumer and the personal assistants is unacceptable to AARP. There is great possibility people will not be receiving the services they need to remain at home, which they are entitled to and in most cases have been receiving.

An AARP survey released in 2023, **"Voters Ages 40 and Older in New York State: Their Attitudes and Opinions about Caregiving and Long-Term Care 2023,"** clearly showed New Yorkers prefer to receive long-term care at home with caregiver assistance (82%) if they or a family member needed it. However, only 3 of 100 voters (3%) would prefer to receive care in a nursing home. Nine in ten respondents are extremely or very concerned about the quality of care

they would receive in a nursing home including being exposed to COVID, its variants, or other infections.

Clearly, CDPAP is a pathway to provide services to New Yorkers at home, where they want to receive services, for as long as possible. While we understand your desire to develop CDPAP efficiencies by switching to a single, statewide fiscal intermediary, it is imperative that the transition occur without significant disruptions to care.

For the above reasons, AARP New York urges you to delay the March 28 registration deadline to a later date to ensure that no individual is left without care. The state would be justified in delaying the deadline to ensure that New Yorkers are not left behind.

Sincerely,



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