

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 (In New York State)
(518) 270-2200 (Outside New York State)

or visit our web site at:
www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236

PUBLIC NOTICE

Division of Criminal Justice Services
Subcommittee on Forensic DNA Laboratories
and Forensic DNA Testing

Pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 104, the Division of Criminal Justice Services gives notice of a meeting of the Subcommittee on Forensic DNA Laboratories and Forensic DNA Testing:

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: 633 3rd Avenue, 38th Fl., New York, NY

For further information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting, contact: Tina Houston, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Forensic Services, Four Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203-3764, (518) 457-1901

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Health
Patient Safety Award

This grant will afford Geneva General Hospital the opportunity to expand the use of evidence-based medicine and develop protocols leading to favorable patient outcomes relating to coronary artery disease. It was based on the findings of a recent study of Medicare patients which demonstrated that lowering serum lipid levels to normal

levels had been a major contributor to reducing the rate of progression, recurrent events and mortality among patients with documented artery disease. This project will be funded under Section 2807-c(19) of the Public Health Law, under which the Commissioner of Health has the authority to award grants without competition. Program contact: Cathy Blake, Director, Health Care Quality Initiatives, Department of Health, 90 Church Street, New York, NY 10001, (212) 417-4111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Department of Labor
Workforce Development and Training Division
State Office Campus, Building 12, Room 450
Albany, NY 12240

Opportunity for Public Comment

Public comment on New York State's Two-Years of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title 1 of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act will be accepted through 5:00 PM, May 25, 2005. Enacted in 1998, WIA instituted landmark reforms of the nation's public employment and training system by establishing a locally-driven, demand-side workforce investment system, whose comprehensive multi-partner services are delivered through local One-Stop Career Centers. By linking workforce and economic development, local systems are responsible for maintaining New York's position in the global marketplace by developing a qualified, competitive workforce that serves business and job seeker customers alike. This is accomplished by adhering to the following fundamental principles of the Act: 1) integrated, seamless service delivery through One-Stop Centers; 2) demand-driven local workforce systems governed by business-led workforce investment boards; 3) maximum flexibility for tailoring service delivery and strategic workforce investments to meet the needs of State and local economies and labor markets; 4) customers making informed choices based on quality workforce information and accessing quality training providers; and 5) increased fiscal and performance accountability.

The State Plan was developed by the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), as the designated State agency responsible for overseeing WIA implementation, working on behalf of the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB). Input was sought from State and local workforce development partners, including chief elected officials, business, labor and community based organizations. This two-year Plan is an out-growth the previously five-year Plan, which expires on June 30, 2005. Emphasis is placed on addressing the following State and/or national priorities:

- Implementation of a demand-driven workforce system;
- System reform to eliminate duplicative administrative costs and to enable increased training investments;

- Enhanced integration of service delivery through One-Stop delivery systems in the State;
- A refocusing of WIA youth investments on youth most-in-need;
- Improved development and delivery of workforce information to support workforce investment boards in their strategic planning and investments; to provide the tools and products that support business growth and economic development; and to provide quality career guidance directly to students and job seekers and their counselors through One-Stop Career Centers;
- Faith-based and community based organizations playing enhanced role in workforce development;
- Continued flexibility to local areas in structuring their workforce investment systems; and
- Implementation of common performance measures in local workforce areas.

Copies of New York's Two-Years of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title 1 of the Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act may be accessed at: www.workforcenewyork.com or by contacting Margaret Moree, Director, Workforce Development and Training Division, New York State Department of Labor, State Office Campus, Building 12, Room 450, Albany, New York 12240. Comments may be submitted electronically to: onestop@labor.state.ny.us or in writing to the address listed above. Public input will be reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate, prior to presentation of the State Plan to the SWIB and Governor for final approval. All comments will be attached to the final Plan, as Appendix A. The United States Department of Labor must approve the State Plan by June 30, 2005, in order for New York to receive its federal Program Year 2005 funding.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State

A meeting of the New York State Security or Fire Alarm Installer Advisory Committee will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of State, Division of Licensing Services, 84 Holland Avenue, First Floor Conference Room, Albany, NY.

Should you require further information, please contact Carol Fansler (cfansler@dos.state.ny.us) at 518-486-3857. Please always consult the Department of State website (www.dos.state.ny.us) on the day before the meeting to make sure the meeting has not been canceled.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR §447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health intends to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for inpatient hospital, long-term care, and non-institutional services to comply with recently enacted legislation. The following significant changes are proposed:

Inpatient Hospital Services:

- Effective for periods May 1, 2005 and thereafter, the Department will reconcile payments made to non-public general hospitals for purposes of recruitment and retention of health care workers. This reconciliation will reflect changes in medical assistance utilization between the year two years prior to the rate year, and the rate year as reported on each hospital's Institutional Cost Report for the respective rate year.
- Effective May 1, 2005, inpatient rates of payment, including rates of payment for persons eligible for medical assistance and Family Health Plus who are enrolled in health maintenance

organizations, for general hospitals shall be adjusted to provide additional support of recruitment and retention of health care workers. A total of \$121,000,000 shall be available for this purpose for the period May 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. The same total amount shall also be available for this purpose for the January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 period. Allocation to general hospitals shall be made using previously approved methodologies and shall be subject to a reconciliation to reflect changes in medical assistance utilization between the year two years prior to the rate year and rate year based upon data reported in each hospital's Institutional Cost Report for the respective rate year. Payments made pursuant to the above may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments to eligible hospitals.

- Effective May 1, 2005, the Commissioner shall adjust inpatient rates of payment, including rates of payment for persons eligible for medical assistance and Family Health Plus who are enrolled in health maintenance organizations, in the following amounts for rural hospitals in support of critically needed health care services. A total of \$7,000,000 shall be available for the period May 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. The same total amount shall also be available for this purpose for the January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 period. These funds shall be allocated proportionately based upon each rural hospital's total reported Medicaid inpatient discharges reported in the 2002 Institutional Cost Report to the total of such discharges for all rural hospitals. These funds shall be included as an add-on to medical assistance rates of payment based upon medical assistance utilization data reported in each facility's annual Institutional Cost Report submitted for the period two years prior to the rate year. These amounts shall be reconciled to reflect changes in medical assistance utilization between the year two years prior to the rate year and rate year based upon data reported in each hospital's Institutional Cost Report for the respective rate year. Payments made pursuant to the above may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments to eligible hospitals.

Non-Institutional Services:

- Effective May 1, 2005, rates of payment for diagnostic and treatment centers may be adjusted, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget, to include expenditures in those components of rates not subject to ceilings of the corresponding rate methodology. The estimated gross annual cost attributable to this initiative is \$5.6 million.

The estimated aggregate increase in Medicaid expenditures attributable to these initiatives is \$132.2 million for 2005 and \$133.6 for 2006.

Copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be on file in each local (county) social services district and available for public review.

For the New York City district, copies will be available at the following places:

New York County
250 Church Street
New York, NY 10018

Queens County, Queens Center
3220 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center
114 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Bronx County, Tremont Center
1916 Monterey Avenue
Bronx, NY 10457

Richmond County, Richmond Center
95 Central Avenue, St. George
Staten Island, NY 10301

The public is invited to review and comment on these proposed state plan amendments.

For further information and to review and comment please contact: William Johnson, Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Office of Regulatory Reform, Corning Tower, Rm. 2415, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237, (518) 473-7488, fax: (518) 486-4834, e-mail: regsqa@health.state.ny.us

**SALE OF
FOREST PRODUCTS
NOTICE OF SALE
Allegany Reforestation Area No. 19
Contract No. X005628**

Pursuant to section 9-0505 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby gives public notice of the following:

Sealed bids for 752.4 MBF more or less of softwood sawtimber, and 186 cords more or less of softwood cordwood located on Allegany Reforestation Area No. 19, Stand(s) 46, will be accepted at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Contract Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-5027 until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2005.

For further information (including billing) contact: Ronald Abraham, Senior Forester, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, Region 9, 5425 County Rte. 48, Belmont, NY 14813-9758, (585) 268-5392

**SALE OF
FOREST PRODUCTS
NOTICE OF SALE
Otsego Reforestation Area No. 3
Contract No. X005630**

Pursuant to section 9-0505 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby gives public notice of the following:

Sealed bids for 348 cords more or less of softwood pulpwood, 6.6 MBF more or less of hardwood sawtimber, and 50 cords more or less of hardwood firewood located on Otsego Reforestation Area No. 3, Stand(s) A-5, will be accepted at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Contract Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-5027 until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2005.

For further information (including billing) contact: Paul Wenner, Senior Forester, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, Region 4, 65561 State Hwy. 10, Suite 1, Stamford, NY 12167-9503, (607) 652-7365

