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SUBJECT: Residential health care facilities and COVID-19

PURPOSE: To receive testimony on COVID-19's impact on residential healthcare facilities and other long-term care settings, as well as recommendations for improving systems, protocols and practices to reduce transmission and mortality rates of contagious diseases.

New York City, Westchester and Long Island
August 3, 2020
Time 10 am

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Upstate New York
August 10, 2020
Time 10 am

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ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

According to the Department of Health (DOH), as of July 13, 2020, there were approximately 6,300 individuals who have died or are presumed to have died of COVID-19 who resided in residential health care facilities representing approximately 20% of the total COVID-19 fatalities in the state of New York.

Though residential healthcare facilities and other long-term care providers are subject to various laws and regulations related to controlling the spread of various infectious diseases, many facilities have still experienced significant outbreaks of COVID-19. The hearing seeks to receive input from stakeholders across the State related to distribution of medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE), safety inspections and enforcement during the State of Emergency as well as the practices and procedures of residential health care facilities in responding to COVID-19. These hearings will seek to identify what steps can be taken to reduce the rate of infection and mortality rate and improve the outcomes and experiences of patients, families, caregivers, and providers.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

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____ August 3, 2020, for New York City, Westchester and Long Island (deadline for response July 30)

____ August 10, 2020, for Upstate New York (deadline for response August 6)

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