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The MSC E-Visory is an electronic advisory which provides pertinent and timely information about programs and services available to individuals receiving MSC. Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly. **MSC Supervisors: Please share this issue with all MSC Service Coordinators and others as appropriate.** In order to receive an email notification when a new MSC E-Visory is posted, please sign up for our mailing list (listserv). Listserv information and past issues can be accessed via the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov or via the following link: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/service_coordination/medicaid_service_coordination/msc_e-visories

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Final Regulations – Smoking: Health and Safety Protections

The temporary emergency smoking restriction regulations that were issued on November 1, 2012 have been finalized. OPWDD issued a memorandum, dated January 14, 2013 outlining the regulations and required compliance activities. The finalized regulations prohibit exposure to second hand smoke and smoking inside all day programs and clinics and inside nearly all residential sites certified or operated by OPWDD. This regulation also limits smoking on the grounds of facilities. The full text of the final regulations and compliance activities can be accessed on the OPWDD website at the following link:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/regulations_guidance/opwdd_regulations/smoking_health_and_safety_protections

Save the Date

The New York State 22nd Annual Third Age Providers conference will be held in Saratoga Springs, NY on Thursday and Friday May 9 & 10, 2013 at the Holiday Inn. The Third Age Conference focuses on issues concerning older adults with developmental disabilities. Once announced, registration information will be made available by MSC E-Visory.

As part of this yearly event the Paul Vanas Memorial Award is presented in recognition of the contributions of individuals and programs that exemplify the spirit of advocacy and dedication in providing service opportunities to older people with developmental disabilities.

If you would like to recognize an individual or program who demonstrates a positive impact on the lives of older adults with developmental disabilities please submit the attached nomination form to Martha Schunk via e-mail at Martha.Schunk@opwdd.ny.gov or fax at (518) 473-0054. All nominations must be submitted no later than April 8, 2013.

Further information about the conference and Paul Vanas Memorial Award can be found on the OPWDD website at the following link:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_community_connections/aging_information_corner

**Requesting Nominations for the 2013
Paul Vanas Memorial Service Award**

**To be presented at the 22nd Annual New York State
Third Age Providers Conference
In Saratoga Springs May 9-10, 2013**

Paul Vanas Memorial Service Award

This award is named after Paul Vanas, a New York State Office for the Aging employee who played a pivotal role in developing services for older adults. Through his work with Adult Day Care and the Ombudsman program, Paul became a founding member of the Third Age Committee. Paul was a leader in his field and a true friend of aging services advocates. This award was established in 1994 to recognize the contributions of individuals and programs that exemplify this same spirit of advocacy and dedication in providing service opportunities to older people with developmental disabilities.

Nominees will be considered in three categories:

1. Individual with an intellectual and/or developmental disability
2. Staff person/caregiver
3. Service Provider/Program

In each category, nominations are to be made for special contributions made by the individual, staff person/caregiver and/or program to enhance services and supports for older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York State.

Suggested criteria/information to include in your nomination are:

- Creative, innovative program services the nominee may have helped create
- Impact on the lives of older adults with developmental disabilities
- Testimonials from participants/families and other staff
- Years of service

**Nominations must be submitted by April 9, 2013
by mailing, e-mailing or faxing to:**

**Martha Schunk
OPWDD Coordinator of Aging Services
44 Holland Avenue, 4th Floor
Division of Person Centered Supports
Albany, NY 12229**

Phone (518) 473-5436 Fax: (518) 473-0054

E-mail: Martha.Schunk@opwdd.ny.gov

PAUL VANAS MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION BALLOT FORM

Name of Person/Provider Nominated:

Address:

Phone# (Including area code)

This nominee is a/an: (select by checking the appropriate category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual with an intellectual and/or developmental disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Staff person/caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service Provider/Program |

NOMINATION INFORMATION (Suggested criteria/information to include)

- Creative, innovative program services the nominee may have helped create
- Impact on the lives of older adults with developmental disabilities
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- Years of service

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Contact Information for the person submitting the nomination:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number (Including Area Code)

SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 9, 2013

Either mail, fax or e-mail as an attachment to:

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