



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Lanza Announces Housing Extension for Sandy Victims

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### *Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program Extended in NY for an Additional 14 Days*

Senator Andrew J. Lanza today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the request of the State of New York, has approved a 14-day extension to the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program, which allows eligible survivors from Hurricane Sandy who cannot return to their homes to stay in participating hotels or motels.

The new checkout date for those in the TSA program is **March 10, 2013**. FEMA will call applicants eligible for the extension to notify them of the new checkout date.

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program provides those affected by Sandy who still cannot return to their homes with necessary housing. The State will continue to request such aid from FEMA as long as New Yorkers need it.

This is a short-term program that places families in hotels while they work toward a longer-term housing plan.

To be eligible for TSA, survivors must first apply for federal assistance through FEMA by:

- Registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov);
- Registering via smartphone or tablet by using the FEMA app or going to [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov); or
- Registering by calling **800-621-FEMA** (3362) (TTY 800-462-7585). For 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362.

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