

State thwarted in assignment

NEW YORK CITY — Charging that the State had planned to assign a state employee at taxpayer expense to work for a private employer, Civil Service Employees Assn. officials at the Local and Regional levels combined to halt the situation.

Clifton Lewis, President of CSEA Local 443 at Manhattan Developmental Center, led the fight after the administration placed a client in a private community residence and also planned to honor a request from the private residence to provide a

state employee to care for the patient, who required specialized treatment and care.

Lewis charged the "Young Adult Institute" where the client was placed, asked for a state employee for the patient for a period of three to six months without reimbursement to the state for services. Under steady pressure from Lewis, the state backed down and did not assign a state worker as originally requested. In addition, the client was brought back to the Manhattan Developmental Center for care and treatment.