

NY homes for elderly under scrutiny after Sandy

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This file photo of Dec. 24, 2012, shows the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in New York. The facility, located in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, was swollen to nearly double its licensed capacity by elderly and disabled New Yorkers it took in after they were evacuated from seaside nursing homes and assisted living residences following Superstorm Sandy. The nursing home and an assisted living facility are under scrutiny by state officials and advocacy groups after revelations that residents forced to evacuate by Hurricane Sandy were still living in cramped, and sometimes oppressive temporary quarters two months after the storm. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens, File)

(AP)—A nursing home and an assisted living facility in New York are under scrutiny after The Associated Press disclosed that hundreds of elderly and disabled people forced to evacuate by Superstorm Sandy were still sleeping on cots in cramped and sometimes oppressive conditions two months later.

New York's attorney general sent investigators to a Brooklyn nursing home last week after the AP reported that the facility was swollen to nearly double its licensed capacity with evacuees.

Separately, a legal aid group is questioning why residents of an adult care home in Queens were still being asked to sign over their Social Security checks to cover room and board, even though they have been flooded out since Halloween.

Neither facility responded to AP requests for comment.

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