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Dear Administrator:

We are writing to notify you of upcoming changes and deadlines for the Fiscal Year 2022 Nursing Facility Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP).

Governor Murphy and the Department are committed to continuing and extending the work we began together in Fiscal Year 2020 to link rate enhancements with quality measures. And our commitment in these challenging times is being supported through recent legislation focused on long-term care costs, staffing, and quality oversight, as well as unprecedented ten percent increase to the per diem Medicaid reimbursement rates.

As part of these efforts, the Department will continue to collect CoreQ data for Fiscal Year 2022, while at the same time evaluating ways to improve the QIPP framework. As you may recall, eligibility for CoreQ survey participation requires a minimum resident and family sample size. In order to establish eligibility, facilities are required to complete a CoreQ Long-Stay Survey Sample Size Calculation Grid.

This year, we are streamlining the survey process. The following information, previously collected through multiple surveys, will be collected on the calculation grid:

- Long-Stay Survey Sample Size: Long-stay is defined as a resident whose cumulative days in a nursing facility are equal to or greater than 100 days.
- CoreQ Vendor Intent
- Hospital Utilization Tracking software use

For more information about the three-question CoreQ survey, which is administered annually to long-stay residents and their families, please visit <http://www.coreq.org/>.

The requirements for the QIPP process are as outlined below. Additional information on all of these steps is available at the Division of Aging Services Provider Resources page at <https://bit.ly/2nmh2y8>.

1. **Complete a CoreQ Long-Stay Survey Sample Size Calculation Grid.** This spreadsheet determines a facility's eligible CoreQ survey size, communicates CoreQ vendor intent, and attests to hospital utilization tracking software use. The last day to submit the Calculation Grid to <http://njdoas-ua.force.com/NF> is **November 13, 2020 at 5:00pm**.
2. **Complete a CoreQ Long-Stay Demographics for Residents and Families Template.** This will provide contact information and initiate the survey administration. The last day to submit the Template to the CoreQ Vendor is **November 27, 2020 at 5:00pm**. Providers will receive the template and contact information for the Department's CoreQ vendor from the Division of Aging Services following completion of the calculation grid.
3. **If the facility is not using the Department's CoreQ Vendor, direct your vendor to administer the CoreQ survey process and submit responses.** The due date for submission of vendor collected CoreQ data to the Department's CoreQ vendor is **February 12, 2021 at 5:00pm**.

The Department will be hosting webinars on the following dates to provide more information on QIPP and CoreQ. Please register for the webinar at the below link. The training information will also be available on the Division of Aging Services Provider Resources Page at <https://bit.ly/2nmh2y8>.

- October 30, 2020 at 10:00 am: <https://bit.ly/31zdnxF>
- November 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm: <https://bit.ly/35vCBhU>

For questions regarding this letter, please email NFINquiry@dhs.nj.gov. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to improve and enhance nursing facility care in New Jersey.

Sincerely,



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