



PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY
Lt. Governor

State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

P.O. Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625-07200

SARAH ADELMAN
Commissioner

October 30, 2024

Dear Administrator:

We are writing to notify you of important activities and deadlines for the Fiscal Year 2026 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. As part of these efforts, the Department will initiate the annual process to collect QIPP data for Fiscal Year 2026 including establishing both QIPP and CoreQ eligibility. As in prior years, CoreQ resident and family minimum sample size for survey is required from your facility through an online survey process.

This year, we are continuing our efforts to streamline the survey process through increased automation. Each Medicaid certified provider (Class I, II, and III) will be required to data enter the following information directly through the Division of Aging Services online portal:

- Long-Stay Census and Survey Eligibility to establish CoreQ Sample Size
- CoreQ Survey Vendor Intent

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 CoreQ processes are as outlined below. Additional information on all of these steps will be available at the Division of Aging Services Nursing Facility Resources page at <https://bit.ly/3SdxXJK> after 11/8/24.

1. **Complete a CoreQ Long-Stay Survey Sample Size Calculation Grid.** This online spreadsheet determines a facility's eligible CoreQ survey size and communicates CoreQ vendor intent. The last day to complete the online Calculation Grid via <http://njdoas-ua.force.com/NF> is **December 6, 2024 at 5:00pm.**
2. **Submit a CoreQ Long-Stay Demographics for Residents and Families Template.** This template provides a list of survey eligible residents and families along with contact information for survey administration. Facilities that meet the

minimum CoreQ sample size and will be utilizing the DHS Core a Vendor, the last day to submit the Template to the DHS CoreQ Vendor is **December 20, 2024 at 5:00pm**. Eligible providers will receive the template from the Division of Aging Services following completion of the calculation grid.

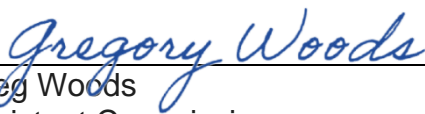
3. **CoreQ Survey vendor data submission.** Facilities that meet the CoreQ requirements and contract directly with a CoreQ vendor, the contracted vendor is responsible for completing the CoreQ survey process and submitting the data to the DHS CoreQ vendor. The due date for submission of vendor collected CoreQ data is **March 28, 2025 at 5:00pm**.

The Department will be hosting a webinar on the following date to provide more information on the hospital utilization tracking and CoreQ data collection processes. Please register for the webinar at the below link. The training will be recorded and posted on the Division of Aging Services Nursing Facility Resources Page at <https://bit.ly/3SdkXJK>.

- **Friday, November 8, 2024 at 1pm:** <https://bit.ly/3Ute7iB>

For questions regarding this letter, please email NFIInquiry@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,



Greg Woods
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and
Health Services



Louise Rush
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Aging Services