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Dear Administrator:

We are writing to notify you of important activities and deadlines for the Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027 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 https://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 www.nj.gov/humanservices/doas/provider/nursing-facilities/ after 11/12/25.

- 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 5, 2025 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 19, 2025 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 27, 2026 at 5:00pm.

The Department will be hosting a webinar on the following date to provide more information on the 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 www.nj.gov/humanservices/doas/provider/nursing-facilities/.

 Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 10:00am: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN 5oz5CekBRu-O-mB9I0wyLg

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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