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Dear Administrator:

We are writing to notify you of important activities and deadlines for the Fiscal Year 2028 Nursing Facility Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP).

Governor Sherrill and the Department of Human Services remain committed to continuing and extending the work we began in Fiscal Year 2020 to link rate enhancements with quality measures. As part of these efforts, the Department will initiate the annual process of collecting QIPP data for Fiscal Year 2028, including establishing both QIPP and CoreQ eligibility. As in prior years, your facility is required to meet the CoreQ resident and family minimum sample size for resident and family surveys 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) must 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, 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 guidance will be available on the Division of Aging Services Nursing Facility Resources page at www.nj.gov/humanservices/doas/provider/nursing-facilities/ after 09/23/26.

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 <https://nj-dhsas.my.site.com/NF/s/> is **October 16, 2026 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 **October 30, 2026 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 **February 5, 2027 at 5:00pm.**

The Department will host a webinar to provide more information on the CoreQ data collection processes. Please register for the webinar at the below link. A recording of the webinar will also be posted on the Division of Aging Services Nursing Facility Resources Page at www.nj.gov/humanservices/doas/provider/nursing-facilities/.

- **Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 10:00am:**
https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DYi3PGGhSxStnwo0LrIZww

For questions regarding this letter, please email NFSubmissions@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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