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Dear Administrator/Director of Nursing:

The Department recently announced in a letter dated September 17, 2018 that there will be two census dates, April 25th and July 25th, for which facilities will upload their censuses.

Current regulation requires the Department to collect census data utilizing rug scores as published by CMS. As part of this process, the Department allowed facilities to request changes to DOH selected MDS rug scores. MDS regulations do not specify that this should be done and therefore, the Department will be utilizing rug scores based solely on selections by the DOH MDS software.

Facilities are encouraged to verify that all assessments have been submitted correctly to CMS by September 27th. Please note that all assessments at CMS are eligible for use in the calculation of the Medicaid rate. Effective immediately, only DOH selected assessments will be retained for use in the calculation of the rate.

If you have any questions please send an email to PRIMail@health.ny.gov and Michelle Santos or James (Conor) Petter will respond to your questions.

Sincerely,

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