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Subject: Advanced Training Initiative Payment

Dear Health Plan,

The Advanced Training Initiative (ATI) was established under the 2015-2016 Enacted Budget to reward nursing home providers who have shown both an ability to retain quality direct care staff and a commitment to giving direct care staff the tools to help lower resident hospitalization rates. The ATI funding pool is annually distributed proportionally to each eligible facility based on its relative share of Medicaid bed days to total Medicaid bed days of all such eligible facilities.

To be eligible for this incentive payment in State Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20, a facility was required to (1) provide a training program to direct care staff that was reviewed and approved by the Department of Health to assist such staff with identifying changes in a resident's physical, mental, or functional status that could lead to hospitalization; (2) have a direct care staff retention rate above the statewide median; and (3) not be excluded from participating in the ATI program.

Attached is a list of nursing homes that were contracted with your plan as of March 31, 2018 for the 2018-19 year, and as of July 31, 2019 for the 2019-20 year, and the payment amount for each. MLTC plans must distribute funds to eligible facilities no later than **October 31, 2019**. Any unspent funds will be recovered by the New York State Department of Health.

If you have any questions, please email mltcrs@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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