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Dear Administrator/Director of Nursing:

This letter provides information regarding your facility's Minimum Data Set (MDS) census data collection period for Medicaid reimbursement. The census will include ALL RESIDENTS regardless of payer source. The Department plans to utilize the July 29, 2020 census date to calculate the case mix adjustment for the January 1, 2021 rates. **Please get all MDS data submitted to CMS prior to March 25, when DOH will extract the data.**

Please be reminded of the recently added feature which allows facilities to reset their match status if a resident was selected in error or erroneously omitted, using the *link* "click here to unmatched" which is displayed next to the record status. The table below provides a high-level timeline for the collection process:

Date	Task	Owner
July 29, 2020	Census Date	DOH
April 28, 2020	92 Look Back ends for Existing Residents	DOH
August 11, 2020	13 Day Look Forward ends for New Residents	DOH
March 25, 2021	DOH extracts encrypted CMS Data	DOH
March 26, 2021	DOH loads census data table to HCS	DOH
March 26, 2021 to April 5, 2021	NHs review census data and submit/revise MDS Data to CMS.	Providers
April 7, 2021	DOH extracts additional encrypted CMS Data	DOH
April 8, 2021	DOH loads additional census data table to HCS	DOH
April 8, 2021 to May 7, 2021	View/Match census data on HCS	Providers
May 14, 2021	MDS Certifications due from NHs	Providers

After your data has been accepted, the system generated acknowledgement of receipt message will state that you have an additional seven (7) calendar days in which to make corrections to the Payer, Dementia and BMI selections. Please ensure your corrections are done by May 7, 2021 in order to meet the certification deadline.

Please review the Policy and Procedure for Processing the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Assessment Data for Medicaid Rate Setting Purposes (Revised 12/2009) for detail on the MDS data collection process. The policy manual is available on the MDS for NF Reimbursement section of the Health Commerce System (HCS). The MDS Clarification Memorandum is also available on the MDS section of the Department's website.

If you have any questions, please send an email to MDSBRHCR@health.ny.gov and a member of the MDS team will respond to your questions.

Sincerely,

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