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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is finalizing the results of the 2019 Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) for public reporting and would like you to review the data submitted by your organization. This is not an opportunity to update your data, but to review and compare the results to other existing sources such as the CMS Nursing Home Compare, the Payroll-Based Journal system and the CASPER reporting system. This letter is accompanied by the methodology for the 2019 NHQI and instructions for interpreting your facility's 2019 NHQI results. We request that nursing homes provide feedback by **May 01, 2020**.

Your facility's report is posted to the Health Commerce System (HCS). To access this report, follow the instructions below.

1. Login to HCS: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/public/hcs_login.html.
2. Enter User ID and Password.
3. From "My Applications", select "Healthcare Finance Data Gateway". Go to Step 4 if this application does not already exist in your list of applications, otherwise skip to Step 7.
4. From the top line menu under "My Content", choose "All Applications".
5. Select "H", then click the Green "+" button under the Add/Remove column to add the application to your personal "My Applications" list.
6. You may open the application from the page you are already on by clicking "Healthcare Financial Data Gateway" or you may choose it from "My Applications" under the Home page.
7. Go to the **Publications** section:
 - a. Under Collection, click on drop down and select "NH Rate Sheets 4/2009-Forward"
 - b. Under Package, click on drop down and select "2019 Nursing Home Quality Initiative Results for Feedback"
 - c. Under Organization, click on drop down and select your organization
 - d. Click on Search

If there are any questions about the 2019 NHQI, please email us at nhqp@health.ny.gov. After the feedback period, the finalized results will be released to the nursing homes. The Department will also post finalized data on its Health Data NY website, and we will inform you when the file is publicly available.

Sincerely,

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