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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

In anticipation of the 2013 Nursing Home Quality Pool (NH QP), the Office of Quality and Patient Safety has completed the benchmarking of the 2013 Quality Pool parameters using 2011-12 data and the results are posted on the Health Commerce System (HCS). Nursing homes will be able to use these results to gain an understanding of the Quality Pool methodology and to assess their current performance. These results are for benchmarking purposes only.

There are two attachments to this letter. The first attachment outlines the methodology for the 2013 NH QP and the second attachment provides instructions on how to interpret your facility's one-page report. Your facility's one-page benchmark report is posted to the HCS. To access this report, follow the instructions below.

1. Go to the website at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>
2. At the security screen, enter your "HCS" id and password.
3. At the Health Commerce System Welcome Page, select "NH Rate Sheets 4/2009-Forward" under the heading "My Applications."
4. At the Nursing Home Rates screen, select "2012 Nursing Home Quality Pool Benchmarking Results" from the drop-down list under "Nursing Home Rates Selection List."
5. Identify your facility in the drop-down list under "Nursing Home Selection List", then select "SHOW REPORTS."

We are planning on conducting regional conference calls with the nursing homes and their associations to review the methodology, your facility report and to answer any questions you may have in the next few weeks. More information will be forthcoming on these conference calls.

If you have questions, please contact me or Raina Josberger at NHQP@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,



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