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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

An error in the calculation of the measure *Percent of long stay residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury* has been discovered in the results of 2013 Nursing Home Quality Initiative. The Department has corrected the coding error, which has resulted in the improved overall quintile ranking for 15 Nursing Homes. The correction of the coding error would have also caused 19 Nursing Homes to fall in their overall quintile ranking. We will **not** be applying this correction to these 19 Nursing Homes because the error was ours. These 19 Nursing Homes will remain in their current overall quintile rankings. The overall quintile rankings for all other nursing homes were not affected by the correction of this coding error.

These updated results have been made available at the following locations:

- The alphabetized ranking of nursing homes in the NHQI can be found on the Department's MRT website at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/nursing_home_quality_initiative.htm.
- Facility-level data can be viewed and downloaded from the Department's Health Data NY website at <https://health.data.ny.gov/dataset/Nursing-Home-Quality-Initiative/aruj-fgbm>. This dataset can be filtered by different fields such as Nursing Home, measure name, and county. The dataset can be downloaded in several different formats including csv, xls, and pdf. Additional visualizations are provided and include overall performance across the state, statewide averages for specific measures, and quintile cut points for measures. Please see the "About" section of the dataset to download important attachments such as the NHQI's overview, data dictionary, and measure descriptions.
- Updated one-page reports will be posted to the Health Commerce System (HCS) in the next few days. To access your facility's report, please 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 "2013 Nursing Home Quality Initiative Results -UPDATED" 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."

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

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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