



Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

September 3, 2025

Dear Administrator:

This letter requests information from your facility regarding the State's Minimum Wage increase. In accordance with Section 652 of the New York State Labor Law, the minimum wage will increase to \$17.00 per hour for the New York City, Long Island & Westchester regions and to \$16.00 per hour for the Remainder of State, effective January 1, 2026.

To determine the financial impact of the scheduled minimum wage increase for calendar year 2026, nursing homes are requested to complete the 2026 Nursing Home Minimum Wage Survey.

Please complete the survey found at <https://survey.alchemer.com/collab/8438145/e41748543ab6> using employee wage data from April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 for your facility. Wage data should be consistent with wage data reported on the NYS-45 during the week of April 14, 2025.

To further identify employees impacted by minimum wage increases, Nursing Home Personnel Function Titles from the Institutional Cost Report were assigned 3 digit numeric codes based on groups of similar Occupational titles. Instructions on completing this section are provided in the survey along with a list of titles and their respective codes.

Surveys are due by **COB Tuesday, September 30, 2025**. Please be aware that due to time constraints, no extensions will be granted. Failure to complete this survey will result in default to wage data reported in the facility's 2024 cost report and as such may result in no additional reimbursement. The CEO/CFO is required to attest to the validity of the information provided. All data will be reviewed for reasonableness and may be subject to audit.

Note: If your nursing home has locations in any region, but your nursing home was not impacted by the increase in minimum wage or you choose to opt-out of completing the survey, you are still required to select the option to opt out, verify your facility's information, and upload a signed attestation.

If you have any questions regarding the Minimum Wage Survey, please send an email with the subject line **Minimum Wage** to nfrates@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Boyce", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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