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Dear Nursing Home Quality Initiative workgroup member:

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) is finalizing the results of the 2018 Quality Initiative (NHQI) for public reporting and will be sharing the preliminary results with facilities today. This is not an opportunity for facilities to update their data, but to review and compare the results to other existing sources such as the CMS Nursing Home Compare and the CASPER reporting system.

In reviewing the data for release, we observed several nursing homes with out-of-range hours for the Rate of staff hours per resident per day measure. DOH imposed a threshold on hours per resident per day and invalidated the data from facilities that reported hours in excess of 12 or if they confirmed their data was inaccurate. There were eight facilities affected by this threshold.

The upcoming 2019 NHQI (2018 measurement year) will utilize the CMS Payroll Based Journal (PBJ) data for the Rate of staff hours per day and the Percent of contract/agency staff used measures.

If you have any questions, please email us at NHQP@health.ny.gov. We are requesting nursing home to provide feedback by June 4, 2019. The Department will post this data on its Health Data NY website, we will inform you when the file is publicly available. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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