



## Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

December 23, 2019

Dear Administrator/Director of Nursing:

This letter provides an extension for the Minimum Data Set (MDS) census data upload/reconciliation process currently underway with the Department and the Nursing Homes. The current due date of Thursday, December 26, 2019 (*per the November 21, 2019 letter*) will be extended two weeks until Friday, January 10, 2020. As a result of this extension, the MDS Certifications are now due Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

After your data has been accepted, you will have an additional seven (7) calendar days, specified in the acknowledgement of receipt, in which to make corrections.

Please review the Policy and Procedure for Processing the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Assessment Data for Medicaid Rate Setting Purposes (Revised 12/2009) for detail on the MDS data collection process and upload. The policy manual is available on the "MDS for NF Reimbursement" section of the HCS. The MDS Clarification Memorandum is also available on the MDS section of the Department's website.

Please note that the Department removed you from the Medicaid lag effective with cycle 2207 and plan to return you to the Medicaid lag when the July 1, 2019 rates are recalculated. If you have any questions, please send an email to [MDS\\_BRHCR@health.ny.gov](mailto:MDS_BRHCR@health.ny.gov) and staff will respond to your questions.

Sincerely,

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