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TO: Nursing Facility Administrators

FROM: Jamie Smith, Director
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

RE: FY 2027 Quality Assessments Reporting and Payments

NOTE: **Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

This transmittal updates providers on the FY 2027 nursing facility quality assessment rates and the requirements for reporting and remitting quality assessment payments. This transmittal should be reviewed in conjunction with PT 01-26 Nursing Facility Quality Assessments - Changes to Pay-for-Performance Eligibility and PT 10-27 Nursing Facility Quality Assessment Methodology Change.

Quality Assessment Rates

For FY 2027, quality assessment rates were calculated in accordance with the methodology described in PT 10-27. The FY 2026 rates were uniformly adjusted by 3.54 percent. The FY 2027 assessment amount is $34.11 per non-Medicare patient day for all facilities subject to the quality assessment, except for the five facilities that reported the most Medicaid days of care for FY 2026. For those five facilities, the assessment amount is $2.80 per non-Medicare patient day.

Reporting Days of Care

Facilities will be required to report their resident days and the payment due using the secure, HIPAA compliant Cognito form. Further information regarding the online process, including instructions for submitting reports, may be found in the Cognito Introduction & Demonstration document.

Quality Assessment Payment Due Dates

Quality assessment payments must be made in accordance with the payment timelines established in COMAR 10.01.20. Payments are due no later than the 60th day following the end of each quarter. For FY 2027, the applicable reporting periods and payment due dates are as follows:

(1) FY Q1, July 1 through September 30, 2026: due November 29, 2026;
(2) FY Q2, October 1 through December 31, 2026: due March 1, 2027;
(3) FY Q3, January 1 through March 31, 2027: due May 30, 2027; and
(4) FY Q4, April 1 through June 30, 2027: due August 29, 2027.

Facilities with outstanding quality assessment payments may also be ineligible to receive a Pay-for-Performance (P4P) award, consistent with PT 01-26 . PT 01-26 expressly ties P4P eligibility to timely quality assessment payment.

Requests to Revise Reports

Amendments to quality assessment reports are only permitted for the two preceding fiscal years. Requests to revise reports beyond this timeframe will be denied.

Payment Remittance

Instructions for remitting payments will be distributed via Myers & Stauffer LC's secure portal.

Payments not received within the required timeframe may be subject to applicable late fees and collection requirements in accordance with COMAR 10.01.20 and other applicable State requirements. PT 01-26 specifically notes the late-fee requirement and potential referral of unpaid balances to the State Central Collection Unit.

Questions regarding quality assessment reporting may be directed to Nicola Simpson at nicola.simpson@maryland.gov. Questions regarding payments may be directed to the Office of Finance at mdh.qualityassessmentpayment@maryland.gov.