



Department of Health

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Dear Administrator/Director of Nursing:

This letter provides information regarding your facility's Minimum Data Set (MDS) census data collection period for Medicaid reimbursement. The census will include ALL RESIDENTS regardless of payer source. The Department plans to utilize the July 29, 2020 census date to calculate the case mix adjustment for the January 1, 2021 rates. Please get all MDS data submitted to CMS prior to March 25, when DOH will extract the data.

Please be reminded of the recently added feature which allows facilities to reset their match status if a resident was selected in error or erroneously omitted, using the link "click here to unmatched" which is displayed next to the record status. The table below provides a high level timeline for the collection process:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Task, Owner. Rows include dates from July 29, 2020 to May 14, 2021, tasks like Census Date, Look Back ends, and MDS Certifications due.

After your data has been accepted, the system generated acknowledgement of receipt message will state that you have an additional seven (7) calendar days in which to make corrections to the Payer, Dementia and BMI selections. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CERTIFICATION IS RECEIVED WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER MATCHING.

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. The policy manual is available on the MDS for NF Reimbursement section of the Health Commerce System (HCS). The MDS Clarification Memorandum is also available on the MDS section of the Department's website.

If you have any questions, please send an email to MDSBRHCR@health.ny.gov and a member of the MDS team will respond to your questions.

Sincerely,

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