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Dear Administrator:

This letter provides information regarding the previously issued September 20, 2023 Dear Administrator Letter, as well as additional information about upcoming changes to the reporting of resident case mix information.

After the issuance of the September 20, 2023 DAL, there was some confusion around what data and scores were being collected. We discovered that the PDPM codes were not officially activated with the October 1, 2023 date, and therefore many assessments were rejected.

This letter is to inform you that the PDPM codes will be activated on Monday January 22, 2024, with an effective date of October 1, 2023. Please be aware that with the retroactive enablement of these PDPM codes, providers may notice some assessments with warning messages. The Department is NOT requiring facilities to go back and submit modifications on already submitted assessments. While PDPM will be turned on retroactive to October 1, 2023, for practical purposes the first quarter of complete and reliable PDPM data will be January to March 2024.

For information on reporting case mix and patient acuity in the MDS under the new PDPM system, please refer to CMS guidance: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/skilled-nursing-facility-snf/patient-driven-model>

For questions about submitting MDS data, please send an email to mds3@health.ny.gov.

For questions about rate setting, please send an email to NFRATES@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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