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TO: DC Medicaid Nursing Facility Providers

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DATE: December 8, 2023

SUBJECT: District of Columbia Long Term Care Nursing Facilities’ Quality Improvement Program

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify District of Columbia Long Term Care Nursing Facilities of key activities and dates for the FY24 Nursing Facilities Quality Improvement Incentive Track (NF QII) described in Chapter 65 of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), “Medicaid Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities.”

Background

In FY 2018, DHCF published an amendment to Chapter 65 of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the DCMR which included the creation of a new quality improvement program, establishing mandatory reporting (Nursing Facility Quality Improvement Reporting, or NFQIR) and a performance payment for participating District nursing facilities that either demonstrate improvement or maintain a high level of performance across a set of quality improvement measures (Nursing Facility Quality Improvement Incentive, or NFQII). The rule also sets forth provisions for updating the required performance measures as well as the scoring methodology for those measures.

In addition, the rule established the authority and provided notice that DHCF reserved the right to update performance measures, subject to the requirement that any changes must be shared in a transmittal to providers no later than 60 days before the beginning of the next measurement year (MY), which begins October 1. In FY 2019, updates to the required performance measures and the scoring methodology were published in [Transmittal #19-17](#).

Upcoming NF QIR Activities and Timelines

- October 27, 2023: MY2023 Outcomes Congress hosted by DHCF and partners.

- December 5, 2023: The District announces NFQIR measures, specifications, and any changes for the 2024 Measurement Year (MY2024).
- January 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024: MY2024 site visits conducted by DHCF.

Upcoming NF QII Activities and Timelines

- December 5, 2023: The District announces NFQII measures, specifications, and any changes for the 2024 Measurement Year (MY2024).
- December 31, 2023: Nursing facilities must submit a letter of intent to DHCF indicating their intent to participate in NFQII for MY2024.
- January 15, 2024: DHCF will notify all facilities with a letter of intent submission that NFQII conditions of participation have been met for MY2024.
- January 15, 2024: DHCF issues each facility a notice of the benchmark by which performance will be measured (improvement or attainment) for MY2024.
- January 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024: site visits conducted by DHCF.
- March 31, 2024: DHCF issues MY2024 attainment or improvement thresholds to all facilities.
- April 30, 2024: DHCF issues incentive payments for MY2024.

Important Notices to Nursing Facilities

By way of this transmittal, DHCF is providing public notice of the availability of \$8 million in funding for NFQII payments for MY2024 measurement year. DHCF is making no changes to the measures, methodologies, or weights for MY2024 at this time. However, DHCF expects to add measures in MY2025, and another transmittal to nursing facilities is forthcoming to provide additional and advance information on those measures.

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