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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The Nursing Home Quality Pool (NHQP) was established in the 2010-2011 Executive Budget and the New York State Department of Health (Department) has been working with industry experts to design and compute an equitable quality pool using existing data sources. We are pleased to share with you your facility's performance in the 2013 Nursing Home Quality Pool.

There are two attachments to this letter. The first attachment outlines the methodology for the 2013 NHQP and the second attachment provides instructions on how to interpret your facility's one-page report. Your facility's one-page benchmark report is posted to the Health Commerce System (HCS). To access this report, follow the instructions below.

1. Go to the website at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>.
2. At the security screen, enter your "HCS" id and password.
3. At the Health Commerce System Welcome Page, select "NH Rate Sheets 4/2009-Forward" under the heading "My Applications."
4. At the Nursing Home Rates screen, select "2013 Nursing Home Quality Pool Results" from the drop-down list under "Nursing Home Rates Selection List."
5. Identify your facility in the drop-down list under "Nursing Home Selection List," then select "SHOW REPORTS."

The Department will be publicly releasing these results in the near future and will make the dataset available on Health Data NY.

If you have questions, please contact me or Raina Josberger at [NHQP@health.state.ny.us](mailto:NHQP@health.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



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