

## **OMIG poised to begin MDS audits**

DOH and the OMIG have finalized a framework for MDS audits and OMIG is preparing to perform audits at four facilities in the Albany area. Consistent with our strong advocacy, extrapolation will not be used. Instead, OMIG will audit all “high risk” MDS records. “High risk” is defined as an MDS record of a resident whose RUG assignment would change if one or two errors were found and corrected. If an error is found that would affect the resident’s RUG assignment, the correct RUG would be assigned and the home’s Case Mix Index (CMI) recalculated.

All 304 homes whose CMI increased by more than five percent will have an audit of their “high risk” MDS assessments associated with their January 2012 roster submission: The first 90 homes by mid-March (at which time DOH will make a determination about releasing the balance of the rate adjustment for case mix), and the remaining 214 homes by July 2013.

DOH intends to consult with Myers and Stauffer, a firm with extensive MDS auditing experience in other states, to fine tune the audits and will solicit proposals from outside contractors to perform these audits in the future. [Click here](#) to read more.

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