

DOH eyeing changes to Medicaid cost report

DOH is looking at potential changes to the nursing home Medicaid cost report. The eventual hope is to add a capital-oriented page that would calculate a capital rate sheet right in the RHCf-4 based on the data entered and allow homes to make comments or suggest corrections if needed. While this functionality may not be available in the next issuance of cost report software, they are hoping to add a page that would allow homes to enter the capital costs into a schedule that would calculate a capital component. Rate setters could then compare their calculation with the home's entries to help identify anything that might have been missed rather than require providers to go through an appeals process.

This project also offers the opportunity to update or eliminate cost report schedules that may be unclear, duplicative or no longer necessary. DOH is seeking suggestions. If you have familiarity with the RHCf cost report, please let us know if you have recommendations on what schedules may warrant deletion or what changes you would like to see.

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