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Important Information Requests for Nursing Homes Impacted by Hurricane Sandy

In an effort to give some cash relief to those facilities that provided or continue to provide care to evacuated residents, the Department of Health is considering a temporary suspension (between one to two pay periods) of the two-week Medicaid payment lag. This is a recommendation that grew out of the joint DOH-Association workgroup. Please [click here](#) for more details on responding to the payment lag survey. As with any advance payment, the facility would then incur a period during which there would be no Medicaid check as the lag is restored. However, by that time, DOH anticipates they will be able to release payments based on the current reconciliation process ([click here for more details](#)). DOH is looking for a response from the associations by the end of today.

On a related note, please be reminded that the separate survey for the reconciliation process mentioned above is due to DOH by Feb. 25, 2013.

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