

## **2012 Quality Pool Penalty Impacts Few Nursing Homes**

Fewer than 20 nursing homes will be subject to a Medicaid rate reduction in 2012 for failing to file required cost and immunization data. By extending the deadline by which reports had to be submitted, DOH helped to minimize the number of homes that will face the penalty while maximizing the baseline data that will be available for developing future quality improvement measures. In addition, DOH eliminated imposition of the 2012 quality pool rate reduction on homes that received a J, K or L level survey deficiency in 2011 or 2012, a change strongly advocated by LeadingAge NY.

While this is good news for 2012, members should remember that the state remains on track to implement the \$50 million quality pool for next year based on a variety of nursing home performance and quality measures. If this pool is collected through a uniform reduction in Medicaid rates as DOH has indicated, homes should expect a reduction of about \$1.60 per Medicaid day in 2013. This funding will then be re-distributed to homes that meet the quality criteria that are still being finalized. The latest information on the quality pool is available on our website.

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