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NYAHS Discusses Quality Incentive Pool with Workgroup Members

ABSTRACT: Program would award payments to nursing homes based on various measures.

On November 17th, members of the Nursing Home Reimbursement Workgroup discussed a proposal for a quality incentive pool developed by NYAHS and other members of the Joint Association Task Force. DOH had made a proposal for such a pool as part of the regional pricing system, but we had concerns with it and developed a counter-proposal. Our proposal is based on the same three major domains as DOH's—staffing, survey and quality measures. However, we call for a broader staffing measure using cost report data; survey information focused on health results rather than building issues; and more thoroughly risk-adjusted quality measures based on EQUIP for Quality research. Our proposal would also incorporate quality of life measures that are strong indicators of how nursing homes are meeting resident needs. In the second phase of our proposal, a technical expert panel would be convened to evaluate the existing measures and make recommendations. The workgroup is slated to continue discussions on the quality pool in early December.

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