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Memo 26-14

To: Administrator, Medical Director, DON, MDS Coordinators, Business Office and QA Committee

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Re: New Round of CMS RP/VBP Validation Audit Record Requests

Please be advised that CMS has announced that additional facilities have been selected for new round of SNF QRP/VBP Validation Audit Record Requests. Additional information about MDS Validation Audits can be found in GNYHCFA Memo [25-22](#) and [26-04](#). If your facility has been selected, you'll find this has been posted to the facility's IQIES Provider Preview Reports folders. Key dates are as follows:

- Points of contact are due by **3/5/2026**
- Requested medical record documentation is due by **4/12/2026**.

Please check your IQIES folders today and prepare to respond. A failure to respond = 2% penalty towards your Annual Payment Update (APU).

Data Validation Process Selection Notifications (Quarter 4) - Now Available

To: Selected Skilled Nursing Facilities

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Data Validation Process Selection Notification is now available in your MDS 3.0 Provider Preview Reports folders in IQIES. The selection notification provides detailed information, including instructions to submit points of contact during the validation process, instructions to prepare and submit medical records and your facility's MDS Assessment record sample.

Points of contact should be submitted within five business days of receipt of your selection notification. Requested medical record documentation must be submitted within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date provided on the selection notification. Noncompliance may result in a 2% reduction to your Annual Payment Update in accordance with Section 1888(e)(6)(A) of the Act.

For questions related to accessing your facility's Data Validation Process Selection Notification, please contact the IQIES Service Center by email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov or call 1-800-339-9313. For questions about the Data Validation Process, please email snfvalidation@hcmsllc.com.

In addition, the February Five Star Reports are now available and have been posted to the CMS Care Compare site. If you have not accessed it yet, please do. Please contact the Association with any questions.