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To: Nursing Facility Administrators
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Subject: OBRA Assessment Required Between 9/1/2024 and 11/1/2024
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Nursing Facility Administrators:

The State of Rhode Island Medicaid Program will switch from a Resource Utilization Groups (RUG)-based payment to a PDPM (Patient Driven Payment Model)-based payment on 10/1/2025. To prepare for this transition and develop the new payment schema, the State will begin collecting required MDS data necessary to determine the PDPM HIPPS code for each Medicaid resident in Rhode Island nursing facilities on September 1, 2024.

Additionally, **Nursing Facilities must complete an OBRA assessment generating a PDPM HIPPS code between 9/1/2024 and 11/1/2024 for all Medicaid residents.** Doing so will allow the state to better assess the impact of the RUG to PDPM switch on each nursing facility in the state.

Please note that the State is still using Optional State Assessments (OSAs) to continue RUG-based payment through 9/30/2025. **Nursing facilities must continue to complete the required OSAs through 9/30/2025. PDPM data collection does not negate the continued need for completion of the OSAs.**

If you have questions on these changes, please reach out to the Medicaid Finance team via an email to OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov.