GNYHCFA participated in the monthly Nursing Home Meeting on Friday, June 12, 2020. Key takeaways are as follows:

MDS Census Data Collection - On June 12th NYSDOH released a DAL detailing the July 31, 2019 Case Mix Collection, please see the attached. The census date is July 31, 2019. The lookback period for existing residents is 92 days (April 30, 2019 – July 31, 2019). There is a 13 day look forward period for new residents (July 31, 2019 – August 13, 2019). Facilities will now be able to review their complete residents file on the HCS to verify that all residents are accounted for, allowing facilities to submit any missing resident assessments to CMS prior to matching. Providers will have from June 17, 2020 to June 28, 2020 to review census data and submit/revise MDS data. Then providers will have from July 3, 2020 to July 17, 2020 to view/match census data on HCS. Final MDS Certification must be submitted by July 24, 2020.

The department will be hosting a webinar on June 17, 2020 at 10:00am and 1:00 pm to provide instruction on how to review census rosters on the HCS. Please only register for one of the sessions. Registration information is as follows:

#1 - June 17, 2020 10AM

Title: NH July 2019 Case Mix Collection Date & Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:00 am Register Here

#2 - June 17, 2020 1PM

Title: NH July 2019 Case Mix Collection Date & Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 1:00 pm Register Here

- January 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020 Medicaid Rates: The updated Medicaid Rates effective January 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020 are currently being reviewed by the Department of Budget. These rates will promulgate capital rate changes, including the 5% capital rate cut effective April 1, 2020. Existing case mix will be utilized until a new CMI can be collected.
- MLTC to FFS Transition: NYSDOH has set the transition to August 1, 2020. Please see the attached DAL. The DOH is requesting that nursing homes transmit a list of all residents who are who are designated as long-term nursing home stay (LTNHS), are enrolled in an MLTC Plan, and have an active discharge plan to transition to the community, to the Department no later than June 16, 2020.

- **OMIG MDS Audits** OMIG is mindful of the pressure that facilities are under. OMIG continues work on finalizing the 2016 MDS audits, final audit reports have been delayed due to the pandemic. 2017 MDS audits will commence once OMIG receives the clearance to do so.
- **2019 RHCF Cost Report Filing**: NYSDOH has released the 2019 Cost Report program, all cost report filings are due no later than September 15, 2020