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Dear Sirs:

This is to advise you that the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) intends to submit a state plan amendment regarding the evaluation of nursing facility residents.

Attachment 4.19-D Page 8: Effective October 1, 2010 CMS intends to mandate the use of a new Minimum Data Set (MDS) for evaluating nursing facility residents. CMS also foresees establishing future MDS and Resource Utilization Groupers (RUG). To assure continuing conformance to changing CMS regulations, DHCFP is proposing a change to the State Plan that would delete the reference to a prior time study, and omit specific MDS and RUG version information.

Our intention is to submit such an amendment during the third calendar quarter of 2010 and have the provisions effective October 1, 2010.

If you would like a specific consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Coleen Lawrence at 775-684-3744 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply whether or not you would like this consultation, however if we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter we will consider that an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
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