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Dear AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) Nursing Facility Provider,

AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC is making the following changes to the CHC Open Arms for Nursing Facilities (NF) value-based program for the 2025 program.

New Program Component:

Health Equity Component – Nursing Facility providers who meet or exceed the 50th percentile when compared to their peers will be awarded an additional increase in their total earned incentive with regard to the following measures for their African American and Hispanic/Latino populations: Percentage of high-risk long-stay residents with pressure ulcers and percentage of long-stay residents who received an antipsychotic medication.

Existing Program Components:

The Quality Performance Component of the Open Arms for Nursing Facilities will continue to consist of the following measures:

- Percentage of short-stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a NF admission (CMS)
- Percentage of high risk long-stay residents with pressure ulcers (MDS)
- Percentage of long-stay residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury (MDS)
- Percentage of long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine (MDS)
- Percentage of long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine (MDS)
- Percentage of long-stay residents who received an antipsychotic medication (MDS)
- Percentage of long-stay residents with a urinary tract infection (MDS)
- Staffing Ratios Star Ranking based on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Standards (CMS)

To access the updated Open Arms for Nursing Facility Provider Manual, visit www.amerhealthcaritaschc.com > For Providers > Resources > Value-Based Programs.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact your Provider Account Executive. Thank you for your continued partnership with AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC in the service of our Participants, and for your critical role in providing and coordinating care for them.

Sincerely,



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