IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

New York State
Department of Health

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RUG–53 Groups reporting error affecting
Nov 22 – Dec 12 2005 MDS Validation Reports

Issue:	The Validation Reports for MDS assessments submitted between November 22 and December 12, 2005 contained an error in reporting RUG-53 Group value in New York State. The incorrect reporting will be an issue for those facilities that need to verify their calculation of the RUG-53 Group value for MDS assessments that will be used for Medicare billing purposes on or after January 1, 2006. DO NOT rely on the RUG-53 Group value reported on the validation reports issued from November 22 – December 12, 2005 for billing Medicare in 2006.
Description:	On November 22, 2005, CMS MDS processing software began printing a message on each validation report for Medicare designated assessments. The message reports both the RUG 44-Group value and RUG 53-Group value of each record The problem is that the value indicated on the report is not the RUG- 53 Group value but rather a repeat of the RUG-44 Group value. This error was unique to New York State processing. The Validation Reports issued for all MDS assessments submitted beginning December 13 are correct.
Sample from a Validation Report with the Error:	``` -- Record: 23 Accepted Assmt_Int_ID = ######## Name = @@@@@@@@,@@@@@@ Res_Int_ID = ####### SSN = ###-##-#### AA8a = 00 AA8b = 1 Target Date = 11/22/2005 Record Type = OM Effective Date = 11/22/2005 AT2 = (Original) Attes Date (AT6) = Medicare transition period RUG group: RUG44=RHC, RUG53=RHC -- ```

Alternative Resolutions:	Obtain RUG 53 Grouper values for 2006 Medicare billing from their vendor software.
	   OR
	Obtain the latest version of RAVEN. Import the MDS submission files into RAVEN to obtain the RUG- 53 Group value. Download RAVEN at:
	 www.qtso.com/ravendownload.html
	 OR
	Resubmit to the MDS submission site as a "correction" the Medicare records for which a RUG 53 Group value is needed for billing into January. The validation report will print the correct two values now that the processor has been adjusted. To do so, facilities must
	   Complete section AT and increment the correction number to 1
	   Code Item AT3 = C Software product error.
	   No change to data within the record itself is necessary.

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