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Re: DAL NH 20-02 Center for Medicare &
Medicaid Services Nursing Home
Quality Care Collaborative

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The New York State Department of Health (Department), Division of Nursing Homes and ICF/IID Surveillance is pleased to announce that Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) is currently recruiting nursing homes to join the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NHQCC).

Over the next five years, the IPRO QIN-QIO's quality improvement teams will work with participating nursing homes on evidence-based and data-driven methodologies to support improvements in CMS identified topic areas that include decreasing opioid prescribing, infection prevention, reducing adverse drug events, emergency department visits and re-admissions in the sub-acute population and improving quality measure scores.

We have long been supporters of the QIN-QIO program, through which nursing homes receive technical support and assistance, at no cost, to help transform the quality of care provided by nursing homes, improve resident outcomes, increase satisfaction scores, and elevate Star ratings.

IPRO has been reaching out to nursing homes across the state regularly with NHQCC participation information. If you have not received or responded to information from IPRO, you can sign up to participate at this direct link: <http://bit.ly/IPROqinnh>

The invitation for this unique opportunity is time limited – your quick response is critical to ensure your entry into this valuable program. For further information, please email mvalvo@ipro.org.

Sincerely,

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