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Dear Valued Nursing Facility Partner,

Thank you for your continued partnership with PA Health & Wellness (PHW).

We are writing to share an administrative update related to monthly nursing facility census reporting, along with information about a separate administrative payment associated with this update. This change is effective March 1, 2026, beginning with the February 2026 census submission. This update is intended to support accurate member identification and internal processing and does not change nursing facility services, quality measures, or Department-established payment programs.

PHW has updated the monthly nursing facility census template to include one new data field labeled "Wellcare Participant?" When completing the monthly census template, please indicate "Yes" if the PHW participant is also enrolled in a Wellcare plan. This new field begins in cell Q6 of the updated template. The purpose of this additional field is to support accurate identification of members with aligned coverage, appropriate internal routing for administrative processing, and timely coordination of census reporting activities. No other changes have been made to the census template or reporting requirements at this time.

Because this update requires an additional reporting step, PHW will provide a separate administrative payment to recognize the added effort associated with completing the new census field. This payment is intended solely to acknowledge administrative census reporting work and is subject to applicable eligibility and program requirements. The administrative payment will be \$100 per member per month for PHW participants identified as Wellcare participants on an ongoing basis. For newly enrolled Wellcare participants, the administrative payment will be \$200 per member per month for the first month of nursing facility admission, and will revert to \$100 per member per month in subsequent months.

Administrative payments will be issued on a quarterly basis and will be applied retroactively to January 2026, recognizing that nursing facilities have already been completing enhanced census submissions during this period. This administrative payment is provided solely for census reporting purposes. It is not tied to quality performance or utilization and does not affect eligibility, scoring, or payments under any Department-defined quality incentive programs, including the Nursing Facility Quality Incentive Program set forth in Exhibit DD(2) of the Community HealthChoices Agreement. All Department-established quality programs remain subject to existing measures, benchmarks, scoring methodologies, eligibility



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requirements, and payment instructions, and are not affected by this administrative update.

Updated census reporting instructions can be found at:

<https://www.pahealthwellness.com/providers/resources/NursingFacility.html>. If you have any questions about the census template, reporting instructions, or this administrative update, please contact Provider Relations at PHWProviderRelations@PAHealthWellness.com.

Thank you for your continued collaboration.

Sincerely,
PA Health & Wellness