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Subject: 2017 Minimum Wage Adjustment

Dear Administrator:

This letter is to request information from your facility regarding the State's Minimum Wage increase for your residential health care facility beginning in 2017. The Minimum Wage Act (Article 19 of the New York State Labor Law) sets benchmarks for minimum wage through 2021. The Department is surveying health care providers to determine the financial impact of scheduled minimum wage increases in order to develop a reimbursement methodology which can account for the increases in the minimum wage over the coming years.

Please complete the attached survey using 12/31/2015 payroll registers from your facility. The survey categorizes employees into groups based on the average hours worked per week and will be examined as part of the methodology to arrive at an appropriate financial impact determination.

Surveys are due by **5:00 pm Monday, August 29, 2016**. Please be aware that due to time constraints, no extension will be granted. Also, failure to complete this survey will result in default to wage data reported in the facility's 2014 cost report. Facility owner/ operator/ or administrator will be required to attest to the validity of the information provided. All data is subject to audit.

The link to the minimum wage survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DR3B737>

If you have any questions regarding the Minimum Wage Survey please send an email with the subject line **Minimum Wage** to [NFRates@health.state.ny.us](mailto:NFRates@health.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

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