



STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

100 NORTH UNION STREET, SUITE 870
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

June 30, 2026

Dear Administrator or Representative:

Links to the 2026 Annual Report for Skilled Nursing Facilities (form SNH-F1) for the 12 months ending June 30, 2026, as well as needed instructions, are being provided in this e-mail. Pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-3-.11, this report is deemed a "Mandatory Report", and is due on August 17, 2026. ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-3-.09 requires that this report be filed electronically to data.submit@shpda.alabama.gov.

New rules regarding the filing of annual reports with SHPDA became effective October 3, 2025. These rules reduced the maximum late fee that can be charged to non-compliant entities from a maximum of \$10,000 for non-rural health care providers to \$1,500 and reduced the late fees on rural providers from a maximum of \$5,000 to \$750. The rule changes also imposed a filing fee on all providers that must be paid as a part of the annual report submission. Non-rural providers will be assessed a filing fee of \$1,500, and rural providers will be charged a filing fee of \$750. These fees must be paid along with the submission of the annual report in order for the report to be deemed "received" and for the provider to be deemed compliant with the rules related to the submission of mandatory reports (Ala. Admin Code r. 410-1-3-.11). A copy of rural and non-rural counties is attached to the end of this letter.

The electronic form includes the ability to save while in the process of completion with Adobe Reader v. 6 or higher; a "Print" button on the form as a reminder to print a copy for your records, and a "Submit Report" button on the form for direct transmittal with use of Outlook or other desktop e-mail applications. Should your e-mail provider be internet-based (Gmail, Yahoo. etc.), the report can be directly saved to your computer and then e-mailed as an attachment without the need for scanning. Electronic signatures are accepted. If your facility does not have the capability of creating electronic signatures, the report may be printed, manually signed, scanned, and filed as an e-mail attachment.

Section 410-2-4-.08, Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation, of the *2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan* became effective on June 14, 2024. As a part of this section, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) required the Health Care Information and Data Advisory Council (HCIDAC) to continue collecting data used by Medicare Administrative Contractors to determine presumptive compliance with the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility compliance threshold requirement, commonly known as the "60% Rule". The HCIDAC, as a part of the requirements of the SHCC, agreed to allow SHPDA to collect data from both Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities, in furtherance of this requirement. **Submission of this data is a required part of the Nursing Home Annual Report, and the report shall not be deemed complete unless and until this information is received on behalf of your facility.**

SHPDA is aware of recent changes to the MDS form used to collect the data that is being submitted regarding rehabilitation patients, and that several of the data points previously collected by the Agency have been modified on the MDS form. The survey instrument currently does not reflect these changes as the report is deemed an administrative rule and has not yet gone through the full

rulemaking process. However, to be able to submit the appropriate data please make the following changes:

- for the “Race” question, please substitute line A1010 on the new MDS for the previously requested line A1000;
- for the “Admit” source, please substitute line A1805 for the previously requested line A1800; and
- for the “Discharge” destination, please substitute line A2105 for the previously requested line A2100.

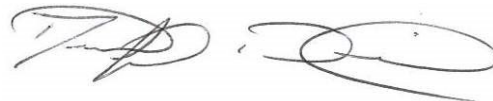
The annual report will be formally amended through the administrative rule-making process soon, and these changes will be reflected in the new annual report at that time.

Should you have any issues accessing the information via the links, all information is located on our website, www.shpda.alabama.gov. From the navigation box on the left, choose *Health Care Data*, then *Report Forms*. Scroll down to Nursing Home (Form SNH-F1) and choose 2026-I. It is requested that the form be completed electronically. The interactive form performs automatic calculations which will reduce the number of errors experienced on reports not completed via the interactive version. Should you be unfamiliar with the use of an interactive form, you may contact me or one of my assistants as outlined below. A template for the rehabilitation data is also available on our website. In the same section, select 2026-Rehab-Supplement.

Please read all instructions before completing the report. Signatures are required from two separate individuals, the signature of the person preparing the report and a signature from another member of administration/corporate verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the report. ***This report will not be accepted without both required signatures.***

If you have any questions or need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact me at bradford.williams@shpda.alabama.gov, (334) 242-4103, or my assistants, Jacquelin Barnes at jacquelin.barnes@shpda.alabama.gov, (334) 242-4108, and Lee Ann Taylor at leeann.woodham@shpda.alabama.gov, (334) 242-4512.

Sincerely,



Bradford L. Williams
Health Planning Administrator

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<u>County</u>	<u>Rural/Non-Rural</u>
Autauga	Non-Rural
Baldwin	Non-Rural
Barbour	Rural
Bibb	Rural
Blount	Rural
Bullock	Rural
Butler	Rural
Calhoun	Non-Rural
Chambers	Rural
Cherokee	Rural
Chilton	Rural
Choctaw	Rural
Clarke	Rural
Clay	Rural
Cleburne	Rural
Coffee	Rural
Colbert	Non-Rural
Conecuh	Rural
Coosa	Rural
Covington	Rural
Crenshaw	Rural
Cullman	Rural
Dale	Rural
Dallas	Rural
DeKalb	Rural
Elmore	Non-Rural
Escambia	Rural
Etowah	Non-Rural
Fayette	Rural
Franklin	Rural
Geneva	Non-Rural
Greene	Rural
Hale	Rural
Henry	Rural
Houston	Non-Rural
Jackson	Rural
Jefferson	Non-Rural
Lamar	Rural
Lauderdale	Non-Rural
Lawrence	Non-Rural
Lee	Non-Rural
Limestone	Non-Rural
Lowndes	Rural

Macon	Rural
Madison	Non-Rural
Marengo	Rural
Marion	Rural
Marshall	Rural
Mobile	Non-Rural
Monroe	Rural
Montgomery	Non-Rural
Morgan	Non-Rural
Perry	Rural
Pickens	Rural
Pike	Rural
Randolph	Rural
Russell	Non-Rural
St. Clair	Non-Rural
Shelby	Non-Rural
Sumter	Rural
Talladega	Rural
Tallapoosa	Rural
Tuscaloosa	Non-Rural
Walker	Rural
Washington	Rural
Wilcox	Rural
Winston	Rural