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**On Sequester, AQNHC Pushing ‘Top Ten’ Avalere Cuts Data in States to Drive Larger  
Conversation About Cumulative Nursing Home Cuts**

*Alliance for Quality Nursing Care Members Urged to Share Cuts Data With Congressional Delegations*

**Washington, DC** – With the clock ticking on sequester cuts, the Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care (AQNHC) is pushing a “Top Ten List” of state sequester cut data generated by *Avalere Health* at the state level, and making the case that while the sequester is bad policy, the accumulation of budget and regulatory changes since 2009 is the primary story to convey to state congressional delegations.

“With the sequester just hours away, now is the optimal time to convey to state congressional delegations that the sequester cuts are just one in a series of deep Medicare funding reductions that add up to significant state level cuts and \$65.6 billion cumulative national cuts over ten years,” stated Alan G. Rosenbloom, President of the Alliance. “The Friday sequester is not the end of anything -- it’s simply the beginning of another long, arduous and highly consequential cycle of debate where data and policy solutions to control Medicare costs are the coin of the realm with lawmakers.”

**The top ten sequestration state cuts are as follows: CA \$75.9 million; FL \$66 million; TX \$51 million; NY \$47.2 million; IL \$46.2 million; NJ \$37.5 million; OH \$37.3 million; PA \$36.9 million; MI \$30.2 million; MA \$28.4million; U.S. \$782.5 million.**

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*The Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care is a coalition of 10 leading post-acute and long term care organizations providing Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) care in approximately 1,200 facilities, in 44 states nationwide.*