

State of Illinois

Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Instructions for Completing the

2026 Long-Term Care Facility Cost Reports

Short Form

These are the instructions for completing the “Short Form” of the Financial and Statistical Reports for Long-Term Care Facilities. This short form is an attempt to simplify the reporting requirements for those facilities that **either** (1) have no Medicaid patients; or (2) are only licensed to provide sheltered care. The financial report is necessary for the State to carry out its role in the development of adequate health care plans; however, this short form greatly reduces the amount of paperwork required by the longer forms.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

The 2026 Cost Report Form is on our website at the following address:

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/costreports/lcshortform.html>. When filing the cost report, **be sure to submit a signed paper copy along with the completed Excel file. The Excel file may be sent to our office by E-mail or CD. The E-mail address is HFS.HealthFinance@illinois.gov.**

You must use the 2026 Excel cost report file when filing the cost report. **Any deviations from the 2026 format will result in the cost report being considered incomplete. As a result, the cost report will not be considered as being timely filed.**

Important

- The Bureau of Health Finance will consider a cost report that has been postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before the filing date to be effectively received. For example: A 1/01/26 - 12/31/26 cost report is due to be filed by 5/31/2027. If this cost report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before 5/31/2027, it will be considered to be received as of 5/31/2027. **A postage meter imprint will not be accepted as proof of timely filing.** The cost report cannot be filed by fax machine. **The date of receipt is when we receive the properly filed hard copy.**
- **All attachments requested in the cost report or the instructions must be submitted with the cost report in order for the report to be considered complete and timely filed.**
- Ensure that Schedule II has been properly signed and dated. **Please note the attestation has been updated.**
- Please use the “Ownership Listing” worksheets for listing owners’ information. The “Ownership Listing” pages can be used to list the Board of Directors also.

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General Background

Regulations promulgated under the authority of Public Act 81-223 which amends the “Nursing Homes, Sheltered Care Homes, and Homes for the Aged Act,” require that each licensee file an attested financial statement annually. Below are the instructions relating to the completion of the required cost report.

Any questions concerning the required information or appropriate entry of information should be addressed to:

**Bureau of Health Finance
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
2200 Churchill Rd.
Springfield, Illinois 62702-3406
Telephone (217) 782-1630
Email HFS.HealthFinance@illinois.gov**

When Must You File?

This report should cover the facility’s fiscal year ending in 2026. For year ends of June 30th or earlier, the report is due November 30, 2026. For year ends after June 30th, the report is due 5 months after the close of the facility’s fiscal year end.

If a facility qualifying to file a short form has opened or changed ownership between the closing date of the last report and December 31, 2026, this facility should notify the Bureau of Health Finance of the new owner’s fiscal year end. The new owner will then be required to submit a cost report from the date of opening through the end of the fiscal year. This report will be due within 5 months after the end of the fiscal year.

Extensions of the due date for filing a cost report will be granted by the Department only when a provider’s operations are significantly adversely affected due to extraordinary circumstances over which the provider has no control. This extension request must be received in our office within the 5-month period following the end of the reporting period. If neither the cost report nor a request for an extension has been received at the end of the 5-month period, the facility’s cost report will be considered delinquent. Delinquent facilities will be sent a letter notifying them of their delinquent cost report.

Who Must File?

All facilities licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act must file a cost report. Likewise, any hospital which anticipates Medicaid reimbursement for long term care must file a long form cost report. In the event that a facility has no Medicaid patients and does not anticipate any Medicaid patients, it may meet the requirements for financial reporting by completing the “Short Form of the Financial and Statistical Report Schedules for Long-Term Care Facilities.” This includes all shelter care facilities. Should, however, the facility wish to be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement at a later date, it will have to complete the regular “Financial and Statistical Report for Long-Term Care Facilities” (i.e., the long form). (The Medicaid reimbursement rate cannot be calculated until the long form cost report has been submitted and has been determined to be complete.)

All facilities must complete one of these two forms.

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Page 1:

- I. Facility Identification.** Enter the 7 digit Illinois Department of Public Health ID number assigned to this facility as well as the name of the facility as licensed by the IDPH.

Current facility information may be found at:

https://lcs.dph.illinois.gov/s/facility-lookup?language=en_US

Enter the 9 digit Federal employer ID number on the line provided.

Complete all other requested information. Please make sure the address is that of the facility and not the central office.

A “Charitable Corporation” designates a corporation, or portions of a corporation to which the donations are tax deductible.

A “Sub-S” Corporation designates a small business corporation as defined under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code.

- II. Certification by Authorized Facility Officer.** The beginning and ending dates of the report should be indicated on the first page. The cost report year must be consistent with the previous year.

An authorized officer or the administrator of the facility **must** sign the certification on page one of the form. Please enter the name, telephone number and Email address (if available) of the individual who should be contacted in the event there are questions concerning any information contained in this report.

Anyone who is paid to prepare a cost report must sign the report and fill in the other blanks in the paid preparer’s information area. (This does not include employees of the facility.) Any cost report which has not been signed by both the facility officer and the paid preparer (if applicable) will be considered incomplete and will be returned to the facility for proper signature. The declaration of the preparer (other than the provider) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge. **A Certified Public Accountant may attach a signed and dated compilation report instead of signing the certification section.** The CPA must make a note in the paid preparer section which states that a compilation report is attached. A sample of a compilation report may be obtained from the Bureau of Health Finance.

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III. Statistical Data.

- A.** Enter the number of beds licensed by level of care, the total number of beds licensed, and the total licensed bed days available during the report period.

For example, assume a facility had 100 SNF beds for 11 months (335 days) and 50 ICF beds for 12 months (365) days, and an additional 100 SNF beds became operational and were licensed during the 12th month (30 days). The total bed days would be calculated by multiplying 100 by 335 days for 33,500 SNF bed days for the 11 months. For the 12th month, 200 SNF beds were available; therefore, 30 days times 200 gives 6,000 SNF bed days. Total SNF bed days is 39,500. 50 ICF beds were available for 365* days or 18,250 ICF bed days. Therefore, a total of 57,750 bed days were available throughout the 12 month period.

	1	2	3	Calculation	4	
	Beds at Beginning of Report Period	Licensure Level of Care	Beds at End of Report Period	Bed Days Licensed During Report Period	Total	
1	100	Skilled (SNF)	200	100 x 335 = 33,500 200 X 30 = 6,000	39,500	1
2		Skilled Pediatric (SNF-Ped)				2
3	50	Intermediate (ICF)	50	50 x 365 = 18,250	18,250	3
4		Intermediate/DD (MR)				4
5		Sheltered Care (SC)				5
6		ICF/DD 16 or Less				6
7	150	TOTAL	250		57,750	7

- B. Enter the total number of patient days during the report (**By Level Of Care** of the patients). A patient day is defined as a 24 hour census-taking period during which the bed is occupied. The day of admission may be counted as a patient day; the day of discharge should not be included as a patient day unless it is the day of death. (DO NOT INCLUDE BED RESERVE DAYS ON THESE LINES)

An individual should be classified as a Medicaid recipient if any portion of his care is reimbursed by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Individuals categorized as sheltered care should be classified as Medicaid recipients, if they receive any payment from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. **See additional descriptions for the primary source of payment categories at the bottom of Page 2 of the cost report form.**

- C. Enter the portion of time that the total beds were occupied. This percent is determined by dividing total census days on line 12, column 5, by total licensed bed days on line 6, column 4.
- K. **Accounting Basis.** All facilities, other than governmental, **must** report on the accrual basis. In the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, without regard to the time of receipt or payment.

- IV. **Cost Center Expenses.** Please read the instructions carefully before each schedule is completed as any report not completed in accordance with the instructions will be returned and will be considered out of compliance with filing requirements. Enter actual costs by cost center for the cost reporting period shown on page one. Estimates of costs are not allowable. **Please round to the nearest dollar here and throughout the report.** Costs of care for all patients regardless of payer are to be reported.

The entries in columns 1 through 4 must reflect the general ledger balance. Reclassifications and adjustments must be recorded in column 5 and the adjusted total (column 4 plus or minus column 5) would be entered in column 6. **All reclassifications and adjustments must be explained on an attached schedule.**

The following definitions should be used as a guide in completing Schedule IV:

Operating Expense.

A. General Services.

1. **Dietary Salaries:** Include gross salaries and wages earned by those preparing food, serving food, dishwashing, planning menus, ordering dietary supplies, maintaining dietary inventory and scheduling working hours for dietary employees. **Throughout this report, gross salaries include vacation, sick pay and any employee authorized deduction. Gross salaries exclude other employee benefits paid for by the employer; employee benefits for all employees should be entered on line 11.** All individual salaries and wages should be reported in the "Salary/Wage" column if those salaries and wages are subject to social security tax or IMRF for county facilities. All other individuals should be treated as consultants. Report all consultant fees in the "Other" column.

Food and Dietary Supplies: Food purchase expenses include food and food supplements for special diets. Supply expenses include those for preparing and serving food such as dishes, glassware, flatware, paper products used in food service, kitchen utensils, soaps and detergents, menus, aprons and **uniforms for dietary personnel**, as well as other miscellaneous dietary expenses. Expenses related to alcoholic beverages and vending machines must be adjusted out.

Other: Fees for dietary consultants are to be included in this item. (All individuals paid by the facility and not subject to social security withholding should be considered as consultants and entered in the "Other" column. Do not enter consultant fees in the "Salary/Wage" column.)

2. **Housekeeping, Laundry and Maintenance Salaries:** Include gross salaries and wages of housekeepers, maids, janitors, maintenance workers and laundry employees. **Do not include employee benefits.**

Housekeeping, Laundry and Maintenance Supplies: Housekeeping supplies such as brooms, brushes, cleaning compounds, disinfectants, germicides, insecticides, mops, polish,

paper towels and drinking cups. Laundry supplies include linens, laundry soaps and bleaches. **(The cost of incontinent supplies and related items must NOT be included on this line, but rather should be classified on line 6, column 2.)**

Maintenance items include supplies, parts and materials required to maintain the building or equipment as well as inspection fees for the physical plant such as elevators or boilers. Most nondepreciable equipment should be included here. Exceptions are nondepreciable nursing equipment, which should be entered on line 6 and nondepreciable office equipment, which should be entered on line 10.

All maintenance costs must be expensed in the fiscal year they were incurred. Repairs under \$2,500 must be expensed in the year the repair was performed. Equipment purchases under \$2,500 must be expensed in the year acquired.

Equipment must be depreciated if it costs **\$2,500** or more and has an estimated useful life of two years or more. If items with estimated lives of two years or more are acquired in quantity and the cost of the quantity is at least **\$2,500**, these items must also be depreciated over their useful lives. Single items of repair which cost **\$2,500** or more and have a life of two years or more must be considered as capital improvements and must be depreciated over the useful life of the repair. Improvements of this type must be reported on Schedule VIII-B. Leasehold improvements costing **\$2,500** or more are to be depreciated over the remaining life of the lease (including extensions) or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter.

All costs relating to each equipment item, improvement or repair project must be aggregated before being compared to the appropriate \$2,500 threshold in the previous paragraph. For example, if the facility incurs \$600 labor cost and materials cost totaling \$2,000 for one repair project, then the total of \$2,600 must be capitalized rather than be recorded as a current year operating expense.

Software and Computer Equipment - If the total cost for software and equipment is less than \$2,500, the cost should be reported as a supply cost in the department for which it is primarily used. If the total cost for the software and equipment exceeds \$2,500, the cost must be capitalized as equipment and depreciated.

Please note that if **total** interior painting and wallpapering incurred during the year equals \$2,500 or more, the amount may be capitalized. For example: If a facility reports on a calendar year basis and \$1,200 of interior painting was done in March and \$1,300 was done in October, the total amount of \$2,500 may be capitalized. If it is capitalized, the cost must be depreciated over 5 years and removed from the cost report when it is fully depreciated.

The election to charge painting and wallpapering costs to maintenance expense or to capitalize it as a part of the building must be made at the time the cost report is filed. Thus, cost reports cannot be amended at a later date to change the classification of these costs.

Other: Enter other expenses relating to housekeeping, laundry and maintenance and not applicable to salaries or supplies. If laundry services are purchased, that expense should be entered here.

3. **Heat and Other Utilities:** Enter the expense of electricity, water, gas and other utilities. **Do not include telephone expense;** telephone expense must be reported on line 10. Cable TV expense for the **lobby only** should be reported here. Cable TV expense for the residents' rooms is **not** allowable and must be adjusted out in column 5 of this schedule.
4. **Other:** Enter all expenses of general services which do not fit logically into the first 3 items on this schedule. Please attach a separate schedule detailing the expenses included on this line. **Security and waste removal expense should be listed here and detailed appropriately.**
5. **Total General Services:** Sum of lines 1 through 4.

B. Health Care and Programs

6. **Health Care:** Include gross salaries and wages of the nursing staff, including nurses and CNAs, employees ordering nursing supplies, maintaining nursing inventories and scheduling working hours for nursing employees. Supervisory nursing personnel and medical records personnel as well as those rendering direct patient care should be included. **Do not include employee benefits.** The salary for the Director of Nursing and the Assistant Director of Nursing must be included on this line.

Nursing Supplies: Include all nursing supplies used in rendering care to patients such as adhesive, catheters, **Incontinent Supplies and related items including diapers (both disposable and non-disposable)**, dressings, gauze, hypodermic syringes and needles, rubber goods, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, thermometers, tube feeding equipment, "personal care items" and the cost of oxygen up to one tank per resident per month. Prescription drug expense is reimbursed in a separate manner. Thus, this type of expense should be adjusted out in column 5 of this schedule. Resident clothing expenses are also not allowable.

Other: Include the fees for a nurse consultant, medical records consultant, medical advisor, pharmacist consultant and all licensed therapist consultants in this item.

7. **Activity and Social Service Salaries:** Include gross salaries and wages of individuals working with the activity program and those on the social service staff (including psycho-social and social service designee) whether they are full-time or part-time. **Do not include employee benefits** and do not include individuals reported on other line items.

Activity and Social Service Supplies: Include supplies used in the activity and social service programs.

Other: Enter the fees for the activity and social service consultants if applicable. Expense of religious services should be included in this line item.

8. **Other:** Enter health care costs not fitting into the categories listed in lines 6 and 7. Please attach a separate schedule detailing the expenses included in this line.
9. **Total Health Care and Programs:** Sum of lines 6 through 8.

C. General Administration

10. **Administrative and Clerical Salaries:** Include gross salaries and wages of administrative and clerical personnel such as the facility administrator and assistant administrator. **Do not include employee benefits.** Compensation paid to a non-working officer, employee or owner is not allowable and must be adjusted out. **Do not include the salary of medical records personnel here as it must be recorded on line 6.**

Administrative and Clerical Supplies: Include office supplies, printing, postage and copier expense.

Other: Enter all other clerical expense not related to salaries or supplies, **including telephone expense. Telephone and pager leasing expense must be reported here as opposed to line 20.** Fines, penalties and bank overdraft charges are not allowable expenses and must be adjusted out in column 5.

11. **Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes:** Enter the expense to the facility for benefits **paid by the facility for all** employees such as retirement, pension, annuity, physical examinations, life insurance, health insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and malpractice insurance for individual employees, payroll taxes, meals, unemployment insurance and necessary employee vaccinations. Benefits shown as costs must be required by law, a written contract or written policies of the facility.

If a facility provides uniforms or a uniform allowance for its employees, the cost of such should be reported on the same line as the employee's salary, but must be classified under column 2, "supplies". Do **not** include the uniform allowance on line 11 – "Employee Benefits".

Payments to an IRA are not an allowable cost. Tickets to sporting events, concerts and other forms of entertainment are not allowable expenses.

For any non-cash compensation to be allowable, the employee must have been issued a W-2 for the value. Adequate supporting documentation must be available which specifies the item, amount, verification of value, purchase documents, etc.

12. **Insurance -- Property, Liability and Malpractice:** Enter expense for insurance on property and equipment; include liability, fire, comprehensive insurance and malpractice insurance expenses for the facility. Do **not** include workers' compensation insurance or mortgage insurance on this line. Workers' compensation insurance should be classified on line 11 – "Employee Benefits" and mortgage insurance should be classified on line 21 – "Ownership –Other".
13. **Other:** Please attach a separate schedule detailing the expenses included on this line.
14. **Total General Administration:** Sum of lines 10 through 13.
15. **Total Operating Expense:** Sum of lines 5, 9 and 14.

Capital Expense.

D. Ownership

16. **Depreciation:** Include depreciation of all depreciable assets in this item; no depreciation expense should be listed elsewhere on this schedule. Depreciation on care-related assets is an allowable cost subject to the following conditions.

1. Depreciation **must be computed on a straight line basis**, starting from the date of completion or installation. If an accelerated method is used for book purposes, an adjustment must be made in column 5 of Schedule IV.
2. Depreciation must be based on historical cost of the asset (purchased assets) or fair market value at the time of donation or inheritance of the asset (donated or inherited assets). Adjustments in basis are not allowable for purchase of partnership interest, for other transfer of assets among related parties or due to purchase of capital stock. **The basis of the building and equipment may not be increased by retroactively capitalizing costs which were previously expensed on the books by the provider.**
3. Depreciation must be spread over the useful life of the asset. The useful life and classification of an asset should be determined using the "Estimated Useful Lives of Depreciable Hospital Assets" published by the American Hospital Association. Single items of equipment purchased at a cost of \$2,500 or more with an estimated life of two years or more are to be depreciated. If items with estimated lives of two years or more are acquired in quantity and the cost of the quantity is at least \$2,500, these items must also be depreciated over their useful lives. Single items of repair which cost \$2,500 or more, and have a useful life of two years or more are to be considered as capital improvements and must be depreciated over the useful life of the item. Leasehold improvements costing \$2,500 or more are to be depreciated over the remaining life of the lease (including extensions) or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter. Depreciation expense on new fixed assets must be based upon the number of months used in the current year.

All costs relating to each equipment item, improvement or repair project must be aggregated before being compared to the \$2,500 threshold in the previous paragraph. For example, if the nursing home incurs a \$600 labor cost and materials cost totaling \$2,000 for one repair project, then the total of \$2,600 must be capitalized rather than be recorded as a current year operating expense.

4. Depreciation lives must be consistent from year to year. Also, the provider is not allowed to decrease the accumulated depreciation which was originally reported on the previous cost reports.
17. **Interest:** Enter working capital interest and interest on care-related long-term debt from Schedule X, column 9, line 7.

Reasonable and necessary interest on both current and long-term capital indebtedness is an allowable cost provided that the indebtedness is related to patient care. Interest paid by a facility to a related organization is allowable to the extent it does not exceed the prime rate

of interest, but loans from related parties must be for a purpose that otherwise could have been borrowed from an unrelated financial institution. However, if the prime interest rate exceeds 125% of the prevailing mortgage rate at the time of the loan, then the interest rate will be limited to 125% of the prevailing mortgage rate.

Bond financing costs are to be amortized over the term of the bonds. This amortization must then be classified on line 17 of Schedule IV.

Contributions from owners which are in essence contributions to owners' equity must not be classified as loans. For example, funds provided by owners to replace operating losses are contributions to capital and thus interest on such loans is not allowable.

Interest income, or other investment income from unrestricted funds must be used to offset allowable interest expense. Restricted, for the purpose of this instruction, refers to restrictions outside the control of the management of the facility such as a restricted-purpose donation received. Thus, investment income from funds restricted in use by the management of the facility must be offset against interest expense.

The imputed value of interest income on loans receivable from officers, related parties or employees must also be offset against interest expense.

Interest paid on loans for the following purposes is **not allowable**: Purchase of capital stock, partnership buyouts of another partner's ownership interest, loans by related parties in order to provide funds to compensate or pay dividends to related parties, land in excess of the portion necessary for long-term care, investments, buildings or equipment not being used for long-term care, **interest expense associated with late payments of income tax, payroll tax, etc.** and interest on transfers within an agency such as an interagency loan fund.

No interest cost shall be recognized to the extent it exceeds payment used on 125 percent of the prevailing mortgage rate at the time of the loan.

18. **Real Estate Taxes:** Enter real estate tax expense for the reporting period. Do not include employee withholding, unemployment tax, social security tax, or income tax. The **personal property replacement** tax is an income tax and is therefore, non-allowable. Adjust this expense out in column 5 of this schedule.
19. **Rent -- Facility and Grounds:** Include actual rent or lease expense paid to an **unrelated party** for facility and grounds. If you are renting from a related organization do **not** enter the rental amount but rather enter the related organization's actual costs (e.g., depreciation, interest, taxes, etc.) Real estate taxes included in rental amounts should be reclassified as tax expense (line 18).

For a sale and leaseback transaction, any rental expense in excess of the expense that would have been incurred if the provider had retained legal title to the property must be adjusted out of Schedule IV.

20. **Rent -- Equipment:** Include expense of all equipment and vehicles leased or rented from an unrelated party.

21. **Other:** Show any other ownership expenses and attach a separate schedule detailing the expenses included on this line. Amortization of goodwill is not an allowable cost on the cost report.
22. **Total Ownership:** Sum of lines 16 through 21.
23. **Grand Total:** Sum of lines 15 and 22.

Non-Allowable Expenses - Several types of expenses are not allowable. Thus, be sure to adjust out the following expenses in column 5 of Schedule IV: Any expense not directly related to patient care; cost of care, meals, laundry, etc. for non-patients; alcoholic beverages; bad debts; clothing; contributions; covenant not-to-compete; depreciation in excess of straight line, depreciation on non-care assets and excess depreciation on asset lives which are shorter than allowed by these instructions; dental expenses; trust fees; collection fees; entertainment; fines and penalties; funeral expenses; fund raising and public relations expense; goodwill; non-care related interest expense, interest on transfers within an agency, interest on funds borrowed to fund negative equity and interest on late payments such as income taxes; investment expenses; income taxes and personal property replacement tax; lobbying expenses; overdraft charges, owner or key-man life insurance; personal expenses for the owner; principal payments on the mortgage; personal goods and supplies sold to patients; political action committee (PAC) dues; retainer fees; taxes for which exemptions are available to the provider; tobacco; trust fees and vending machine expenses. In addition, interest and investment income from non-restricted assets must be offset against interest expense on Schedule IV, line 17.

Attach a separate schedule listing the type and amount of these expenses which are included on the facility's general ledger.

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V. Staffing and Salary Costs.

1. This column should contain the number of full-time equivalencies for each staff position listed in the column on the left. (A full-time equivalency is the number of full-time positions which would exist under a given job category if all the employees in that category worked a 40 hour week). Do not combine lines. For instance, do not report CNAs and registered nurses on the same line.
2. The average hourly wage should be established for each position by dividing the total number of dollars paid out to personnel with that job classification by the number of hours worked by all personnel in that job classification. If that data is not readily available, it is allowable to sample one month of the facility's records to arrive at accurate estimates of the average rate for each job classification.

VI. Statement of Compensation for Owners, Relatives and Members of the Board of Directors.

Enter the names of **all** individuals having **any** ownership interest or control in the facility (even those with less than 5% ownership) and the names of any immediate relatives of such individuals, who also received **payment of any type** (salary or wages, payment for services, pension, director fees, management fees, special fringe benefits provided only to owners and relatives as opposed to all employees or that portion of fringe benefits provided at a rate exceeding the rate provided to all

employees, all non-cash compensation such as the personal use of facility vehicles, etc.) from the facility during the report period. For each individual listed, enter the function, average hours, ownership interest information, and the type and amount of compensation. The average number of hours must be entered, a statement such as “various” or “as needed” will not be accepted.

If the owner(s) of this facility has received compensation from other nursing homes, attach a schedule detailing the name(s) of the home(s) as well as the amount paid and the average number of hours worked per week at each home.

Also, this schedule must be completed for any member of the Board of Directors who receives a salary from the facility, **even if this is a non-profit facility**. This schedule must include salaries paid by related entities, for which the costs have been included on Schedule IV.

VII. Related Organizations.

- A. Enter the names of all related parties or organizations as defined below. In column 1, enter related nursing homes, even if there has not been any transactions with the reporting entity during the current year. In column 3, enter all other related business entities. The type of business affiliation must also be entered in this section.

Changes have been made to the ownership disclosure pages, Ownership-1 and Ownership-2. Additional lines have been added to ensure enough space for reporting all individuals with ownership. Two columns have been added for Building Company ownership and Management Company or Home Office ownership. Total percentage ownership for each column should equal 100%. If Building Company ownership or Management Company/Home Office ownership is not applicable, enter “N/A” in cells Q2 & Q3 on the Ownership page(s). The Ownership-2 page may be hidden if it is not needed. **Article 5B-5 of the Public Aid Code [\[305 ILCS 5/5B-5\]](#)** requires all owners of a long term care facility to be disclosed on the cost report that is filed with the Department. The Page 4 Supplemental worksheet is provided to allow more space to enter related nursing homes and organizations. This page may also be hidden if it is not needed. **Non-profit facilities may use the Ownership-1 and Ownership-2 pages to list their Board of Directors.**

For the purposes of Schedule VII, related organizations include those with 5 percent or more overlapping ownership and organizations with any ownership interest held by relatives of the owners of the reporting facility. Relatives include spouses, children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, sisters or brothers-in-law and sons or daughters-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

An organization which has **any** control over operating policy of the reporting facility shall also be considered a related organization for the purposes of this schedule.

- B. If the facility receives services from a parent organization or central office and the cost for these services was not included on page three, the value of these services should be entered in this schedule. An example of this would be a church-related facility whose accounting records were kept by a central church organization rather than the facility itself. In which case, attach a separate schedule itemizing the type and costs of those services.

- C. If the facility has included on page three any expenses arising from transactions with related organizations -- organizations with five percent or more overlap in ownership--please attach a separate itemization of the nature of those services, their costs as they were entered on page three, and the underlying cost to the related party (i.e., not including markup).

For example, if a facility buys food from a catering company which has a related owner, list the amount of food purchase entered on page three which was from this organization. Then enter the actual cost of this food to the catering company as shown below.

Related Organization	Nature of Purchase	Facility Book Value	Actual Cost
Joe's Catering	Food	\$10,000	\$9,000

This of course, has the effect of removing any profit which is being generated in the other organization by the nursing home.

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VIII. Ownership Costs.

- A. Enter the purchase price of land and the year in which the land was acquired. Enter the assessed value from the 2025 real estate tax bill (both land and building).
- B. **Building Depreciation:** This section should be completed if the facility is owned by the operating entity or if the operating entity rents from a related organization.

The first five lines of this schedule should include information on all buildings and additions. **Building additions must be itemized separately by calendar year of acquisition.** The cost of buildings should include fixed equipment costs in place at the time of purchase or addition (e.g., boilers, central air, plumbing, elevators, handrails, drinking fountains, sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, etc.) It **must not** include such expenses as kitchen or laundry equipment nor any furniture. The basis of the building and equipment may not be increased by retroactively capitalizing costs which were previously expensed on the books of the provider.

The next eleven lines are for land and building improvements which are being depreciated with lives of two years or more. (If more lines are needed, a schedule should be attached.) Single items of fixed equipment purchased at a cost of **\$2,500** or more with an estimated useful life of two years or more must be depreciated. Repairs or improvements costing **\$2,500** or more must be itemized. This would include the installation of sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, or nurses call stations; major plumbing or wiring replacement; and so forth. **Please specify the type(s) of improvement(s).** Labels such as "various" or "leasehold improvements" will not suffice. **These must be itemized by the calendar year in which the improvement was constructed and put into use.** If book methods of depreciation are not straight line, the book value must be shown and adjusted. Enter straight line depreciation for each line in Column 7. The difference between Columns 7 and 5 should be entered in Column 8.

Total depreciation expense on Schedule IV **must** be equal to the total straight line depreciation expense found on Schedule VIII, Line 17, Column 7, plus Line 20, Column 3.

Also, if the facility rents from an **unrelated** party, any leasehold improvements made by the lessee costing **\$2,500** or more and with a useful life of two years or more should be listed on Lines 6 through 16. Such improvements are to be depreciated over the remaining life of the lease (including extensions) or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter.

Any items of land, building, fixed equipment, movable equipment or vehicles which are no longer in use or are not providing significant value for inpatient long term care purposes must be reported as a non-care asset in section VIII (D) of the cost report. If a vehicle is used partially for personal purposes or purposes other than operation of the nursing home, then this portion of the cost is not allowable.

- C. **Equipment Depreciation:** All equipment, **excluding** fixed equipment, should be reported here. No itemization is necessary.

Remember that single items of equipment purchased at a cost of **\$2,500** or more with an estimated useful life of two years or more are to be depreciated. In addition, if items with estimated useful lives of two years or more are acquired in quantity and the cost of the quantity is at least **\$2,500**, these items must also be depreciated.

Software and Computer Equipment - If the total cost for software and equipment is less than \$2,500, the cost should be reported as a supply cost in the department for which it is primarily used. If the total cost for the software and equipment is \$2,500 or more, the cost must be capitalized as equipment and depreciated.

In addition, this schedule should be completed if the provider owns any movable equipment, though he rents the building and fixed equipment from an **unrelated** party.

Vehicle Depreciation: Only those vehicles being used exclusively for long term care should be listed here. All other vehicles should be listed in Schedule VIII-D.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services' rules allow the expense of **only one patient care-related automobile** to be reported on Schedule IV. Therefore, only one such automobile can be detailed here. All other automobiles must be reported in Section D.

If a facility both leases and owns patient care-related automobiles, then only one of the patient care-related automobiles which is owned will be allowed. The lease expense on the leased automobile(s) must be adjusted out.

- D. **Depreciable Non-Care Assets:** List all assets here that are not used for patient care purposes. For example: vehicles used only for personal business and the cost of the portion of the building not licensed or not being used for long-term care should be listed here.

IX. Rental Costs.

- A. **Building and Fixed Equipment:** This schedule should be completed only if the facility rents from an **unrelated** party. The party holding the lease (i.e., the Lessor) must be identified and must not have any ownership interest in the operating corporation.

Question 2 is simply to determine if the real estate taxes are included in the amount shown on line 7. If the facility does not pay taxes in addition to the rental amount, the real estate taxes on that facility which are paid by the lessor should be deducted from total rent expense on Page 3, Line 19, and should be placed on Page 3, Line 18. Therefore, the total of Lines 18 and 19 on Page 3 should equal total rent expense on line 7 of this schedule.

Column 3, "Date of Lease" should reflect the initial date of the lease agreement between the lessor and the present lessee. Dates of amended lease agreements between the same two parties should **not be** entered here.

If the lessee should make leasehold improvements, such improvements must be listed on lines 6 through 16 of Schedule VIII-B.

Any lease which falls within guidelines issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, to be considered as a lease/purchase must be capitalized and recorded on Schedule VIII.

The facility should enter the rent paid unrelated parties for movable equipment on Line 9. If the facility rents any vehicles which are used for care-related purposes, a schedule should be attached which details the model year and make, the use of the vehicle, along with the rental expense.

If the facility owns any fixed or movable equipment or any vehicles, the appropriate sections on Schedule VIII must be completed. The same is true if the facility rents such assets from a related party.

X. Interest Expense.

Complete the information requested concerning all unpaid notes as of the last day of the reporting year as well as all notes paid during the report period. **Itemize all long-term notes.** Short-term notes, other than those from related parties, may be grouped together. Short-term notes to related parties must be reported individually. Short-term for this purpose is defined as revolving credit or due within one year from the date on which the loan was made. Bond issues should also be reported on this schedule; indicate bond issue by writing "bond" in Column 1. The interest rate in column 8 should be reported in 4 digits (such as .0850 for 8.5%). All dollar amounts should be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Patient care-related debt and interest are that debt and interest which are necessary and proper for operation of the facility for the purpose of rendering patient care. Necessary means interest incurred on a loan made to satisfy a financial need of the provider and for a purpose reasonably related to patient care. For example, interest on loans for purposes of investing in something other

than the provider's operations is not patient care related. Necessary also requires that the patient-care related portion of interest be reduced by investment income whenever the funds are not restricted in a way that prevents the use of the investment capital to substitute for borrowed funds. Proper means that interest be incurred at a rate not in excess of what a prudent borrower would have to pay in an arms-length transaction in the money market when the loan was made. Interest that is not related to patient care should be reported on lines 8 and 9 of this schedule. See additional comments concerning interest in the instructions relating to Schedule IV, line 17.

All interest expense including that paid to a related organization must be detailed here and should agree with total interest expense on Schedule IV, line 17, column 4. Then, the interest expense that is not allowable should be adjusted out of Schedule IV in column 5.

In the event of uncertainty regarding reporting of interest, consult the Bureau of Health Finance of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

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XI. Balance Sheet.

Complete the balance sheet for the last day of the reporting year for all assets. All entries should reflect historical cost with the exception of donated assets. Donated assets should be valued at market value at the time of donation. An additional page should be attached explaining and documenting the determination of market value of donated assets.

The individual lines should be completed as follows:

A. Current Assets.

1. **Cash on Hand and in Banks:** Cash on hand, savings and checking accounts and petty cash. Any cash immediately available for operations should be included in this item.
2. **Cash -- Patient Deposits:** Any funds for use by the patients. Such funds may represent deposits from families or friends as well as from residents.
3. **Accounts and Short-Term Notes Receivable (minus allowance for doubtful accounts)** Includes accounts and short-term notes receivable (within the next 12 months) from all payers, including accrued interest receivable and retroactive settlements. Receivables from owners or related parties must be entered on line 8.
4. **Supply Inventory:** Drug, nursing, food, gift shop, housekeeping and linen supplies which are on hand at the end of the year. Indicate the method of inventory valuation.
5. **Short-Term Investments:** Includes temporary (will be converted to cash within one year) investments such as certificates of deposit, government securities and marketable securities. The investment income from such non-restricted investments must be offset against interest expense on Schedule IV.
6. **Prepaid Insurance:** Includes the unexpired portions of insurance at the end of the reporting year.

7. **Other Prepaid Expenses:** Includes the unexpired portions of taxes, interest, rent, licenses and fees, etc., at the end of the reporting year.
8. **Accounts Receivable from (owners and related parties):** See the instructions related to Schedule IV, line 17. The imputed value of interest income on loans receivable from officers, related parties or employees **must** be offset against interest expense on Schedule IV.
9. **Other:** Specify the account name.
10. **Total Current Assets:** Sum of Lines 1 through 9.

B. Long-Term Assets.

11. **Long-Term Notes Receivable:** Notes receivable for all payers and sources with due dates exceeding 12 months from the end of the reporting year.
12. **Long-Term Investments:** Certificates of deposit, government securities and marketable securities expected to be held for over a 12 month period.
- 13-17. **Property, Plant and Equipment:** Include all land, buildings, etc., at historical cost. Donated assets should be included at market value at the date of donation. These amounts (other than accumulated depreciation) must agree with Schedule VIII.
18. **Deferred Charges:** Includes deposits such as with the utility company; amounts held in escrow by a mortgage company; and unamortized goodwill. Amortization of goodwill is not an allowable expense and must be adjusted out of Schedule IV.
19. **Organization and Pre-Operating Costs:** Include the cost of organizing the business enterprise prior to operation and pre-operating costs from the time of organization until the time of the first admission.
20. **Organization and Pre-Operating Costs -- Accumulated Amortization:** List the accumulated amortization of organization and pre-operating costs through the current reporting year.
21. **Restricted Funds:** Enter the values for assets determined to be restricted according to generally accepted accounting principles.
- 22-23. **Other Long-Term Assets:** Specify the account names and enter the amount.
24. **Total Long-Term Assets:** Enter the sum of Lines 11 through 23.
25. **Total Assets:** Enter the sum of Lines 10 and 24.

C. Current Liabilities.

26. **Accounts Payable:** Includes trade accounts, advance billings and retroactive settlements.

- 27. **Officer's Accounts Payable:** Include all accounts payable by officers.
- 28. **Accounts Payable -- Patient Deposits:** Any amount due patients from funds deposited with the facility for the patient's personal use.
- 29. **Short-Term Notes Payable:** Notes, mortgage payments and bonds payable within the next twelve months.
- 30. **Accrued Salaries, Wages, Fees Payable:** Includes liabilities incurred but not paid for: such as salaries, wages, vacation, sick pay and union dues.
- 31. **Accrued Taxes Payable:** Federal, State and FICA tax withheld; unemployment taxes; disabilities insurance and employer's share of FICA tax. Also include real estate taxes, but exclude income taxes.
- 32. **Accrued Interest Payable:** All interest incurred but not paid on notes and mortgages payable.
- 33. **Deferred Compensation:** Accrued pension, profit-sharing and bonuses accrued and payable in the next twelve months.
- 34. **Federal and State Income Taxes:** Income taxes due on the reporting year's income, plus unpaid taxes on prior years' income. Include the personal property replacement tax payable on this line.
- 35-36. **Other Current Liabilities:** Specify the account name and enter the amount.
- 37. **Total Current Liabilities:** Enter the sum of Lines 26 through 36.

D. Long Term Liabilities.

- 38. **Long-Term Notes Payable:** Notes with maturities exceeding 12 months.
- 39. **Mortgage Payable:** Enter long-term mortgage liability (that not due within twelve months). The mortgage liability for the immediate next twelve months should be included in short-term notes payable.
- 40. **Bonds Payable:** All bond liability due after twelve months should be listed. Bonds becoming due in the next twelve months should be listed in short-term notes payable.
- 41. **Deferred Compensation:** Accrued pension, profit-sharing and bonuses payable after one year.
- 42-43. **Other Long-Term Liabilities:** Enter the account name and amount.
- 44. **Total Long-Term Liabilities:** Enter the sum of lines 38 through 43.
- 45. **Total Liabilities:** Enter the sum of Lines 37 and 44.

46. **Total Equity:** List total capital of all owners, capital stock outstanding, paid in capital in excess of par, treasury stock and retained earnings.
47. **Total Liabilities and Equity:** Enter the sum of Lines 45 and 46. Line 47 must agree with Line 25 (Total Assets).

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XII. Income Statement.

Complete this schedule detailing the gross revenues and expenses of the Operating Entity for the reporting period. (Do **Not** net revenue against expense except where required.) If for any reason, the income statement shown here is not compatible with the Schedule of Expenses shown on Page 3, please attach such footnotes as are necessary to reconcile the difference.

Detail of Inpatient Care Revenue by Payer Source

A new section has been added to page 8 of the cost report. This new section requires the "Inpatient Care Revenue" reported on line 3 of this page to be detailed by payer source. The total amount reported in the new section should agree with the amount reported on line 3. If possible, it should match up with the patient day payer sources reported on Page 2 of the cost report.

All interest and investment income on unrestricted funds must be offset against interest expense on Schedule IV, line 17. Income/settlements such as, but not limited to those received from insurance companies or as the result of legal action must be offset against the applicable expense on Schedule IV.

The expense related to renting out a portion of the facility is not allowable. This would include rental of quarters to employees or others who are not inpatients (i.e., renting space to a pharmacy). If facility space has been rented out, adjustments to the following cost centers must be made as is applicable: utilities, maintenance, insurance, building and improvement cost, depreciation, interest and taxes.

Any items not logically fitting into the given categories should be entered and identified under "other." **Items listed under "Other Revenue" must be fully explained and detailed on an attached schedule. Also indicate whether such "Other Revenue" has been offset against the appropriate expense on Schedule V.**

Note: Please review the cost report carefully before it is signed and forwarded to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.