



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Massachusetts

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SUBJECT: Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 12

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 12 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for One Care, the Massachusetts capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) are responsible for under the demonstration. These state-specific measures directly supplement the [Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 12](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on December 5, 2023, CMS and the state revised the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover additional demonstration years, to reinstate measure MA4 – Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment with an updated title, and to revise measure MA6 – Diabetes Care: Blood Sugar Controlled to align with measure steward updates. Additionally, CMS and the state modified the DY 11 and 12 benchmarks for two measures, MA7 – Timely Assessment and MA12 – Minimizing Facility Length of Stay.

We did not receive any feedback during the comment period. However, we finalized the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes with a minor change: we revised the measure title for MA6 back to ‘Diabetes Care: Blood Sugar Controlled’ to affirm that the substance of the measure remains the same following the updates by the measure steward.

Please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions.