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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Texas

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**SUBJECT:** Texas-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 10

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 10 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Texas Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative, a 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 Texas 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](#).

CMS and the state revised the Texas quality withhold technical notes to cover the additional demonstration years, as well as to reinstitute measure TXW8 – Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment, which was temporarily suspended from the quality withhold analysis for DY 7 (CY 2022) and DY 8 (CY 2023). In addition to these changes, the document was also revised to replace NQF measure ID numbers with CMS Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT) measure ID numbers.

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