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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Illinois

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SUBJECT: Illinois-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 11

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 11 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Illinois 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 Illinois 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 Illinois quality withhold technical notes to cover the additional demonstration years, as well as to revise measures ILW8 – Initiation of Substance Use Disorder Treatment and ILW9 – Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment to align with measure steward updates. These two measures are reinstated beginning in DY 10 (2024) after they were temporarily suspended for DY 8 and 9. In addition to these changes, the draft document was also revised to replace NQF measure ID numbers with CMS Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT) measure ID numbers.

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