

California Medicare-Medicaid Plan Quality Withhold Analysis Results Calendar Year 2014

The Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI) seeks to better serve people who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid by testing person-centered, integrated care models. In order to ensure that Medicare-Medicaid enrollees receive high quality care and to encourage quality improvement, both Medicare and Medicaid withheld a percentage of their respective components of the capitation rate paid to each Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) participating in a capitated model demonstration under the FAI. MMPs are eligible for repayment of the withheld amount subject to their performance on a combination of CMS Core and State-specific quality withhold measures.¹ For each measure, MMPs earn a “met” or “not met” designation depending on their achieved rate relative to the benchmark level. Based on the total number of measures met, MMPs receive a quality withhold payment according to the following tiered scale:

Percent of Measures Met	Percent of Withhold MMP Receives
0-19%	0%
20-39%	25%
40-59%	50%
60-79%	75%
80-100%	100%

This report provides the results of the quality withhold analysis for MMPs in the Cal MediConnect demonstration for the first calendar year (CY 2014) of Demonstration Year (DY) 1.² On the following pages, Table 1 provides results for each CMS Core measure, Table 2 provides results for each State-specific measure, and Table 3 provides summary results for the full quality withhold analysis. When interpreting this information, note that some measures are designed to be competitive (e.g., the benchmark for the CMS Core Assessments measure is calculated separately for each demonstration based on the rate achieved by the highest scoring MMP minus ten percentage points); therefore, an MMP’s performance may be considered adequate even if its rate did not meet the benchmark level.

For more information about the quality withhold methodology, measures, and benchmarks, refer to the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 1 and the California Withhold Measure Technical Notes for DY 1. These documents are available on the CMS website at the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/InformationandGuidanceforPlans.html>.

¹ CMS Core measures apply consistently across all capitated model demonstrations, unless a certain measure is inapplicable due to differences in demonstration design (e.g., the demonstration’s target population is not captured by the measure) or timing/enrollment constraints (e.g., the reporting period for the measure does not align with the demonstration start date). State-specific measures apply to a specific capitated model demonstration. Note that the number, type, and complexity of State-specific measures vary depending on key areas of interest for the respective demonstration.

² The results for the second calendar year (CY 2015) of DY 1 are forthcoming.

Table 1: CMS Core Measure Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	CMS Core Measures	
	CW1 – Assessments	CW2 – Consumer Governance Board
	Benchmark: 90%	Benchmark: 100% Compliance
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.	Not Met	Met
Care1st Health Plan	Not Met	Met
Community Health Group	Not Met	Met
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	Met	Met
IEHP Health Access	Met	Met
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County	Met	Met
Molina Healthcare of California	Not Met	Met
San Mateo Health Commission	Not Met	Met

Table 2: California State-Specific Measure Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	California State-Specific Measures				
	CAW1 – Documentation of Care Goals	CAW2 – Behavioral Health Shared Accountability	CAW3 – Mental Health Shared Accountability*	CAW4 – Interaction with Care Team	CAW5 – Ensuring Physical Access to Buildings, Services and Equipment
	Benchmark: 90%	Benchmark: 100% Compliance	N/A	Benchmark: 90%	Benchmark: 100% Compliance
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.	Not Met	Met	Suspended	Met	Met
Care1st Health Plan	Met	Met	Suspended	Met	Met
Community Health Group	Met	Met	Suspended	Met	Met
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	Not Met	Met	Suspended	Not Met	Met
IEHP Health Access	Met	Not Met	Suspended	Not Met	Met
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County	Not Met	Met	Suspended	Not Met	Met

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Molina Healthcare of California	Not Met	Met	Suspended	Met	Met
San Mateo Health Commission	Met	Met	Suspended	Met	Met

* This measure was suspended while updated technical specifications were under development. As a result, the measure was removed from the quality withhold analysis for DY 1.

Table 3: Quality Withhold Analysis Summary Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	# of Measures in Analysis			# of Measures Met			% of Measures Met			% of Withhold Received
	Core	State	Total	Core	State	Total	Core	State	Total	
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.	2	4	6	1	3	4	50%	75%	67%	75%
Care1st Health Plan	2	4	6	1	4	5	50%	100%	83%	100%
Community Health Group	2	4	6	1	4	5	50%	100%	83%	100%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	2	4	6	2	2	4	100%	50%	67%	75%
IEHP Health Access	2	4	6	2	2	4	100%	50%	67%	75%
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County	2	4	6	2	2	4	100%	50%	67%	75%
Molina Healthcare of California	2	4	6	1	3	4	50%	75%	67%	75%
San Mateo Health Commission	2	4	6	1	4	5	50%	100%	83%	100%
California Averages	2.0	4.0	6.0	1.4	3.0	4.4	69%	75%	73%	84%