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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in California
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on Updated CA1.7 Measure Specifications

The purpose of this memorandum is to request comments on the updated specifications for CA1.7, which is a state-specific measure included in the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Reporting Requirements: California-Specific Reporting Requirements.

CMS and the State temporarily delayed reporting of this measure while revised specifications were under development. California Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will be required to resume reporting of this measure for the Demonstration Year 3 (Calendar Year 2017) reporting period. CA1.7 will also be reinstated as a state-specific quality withhold measure for Demonstration Year 3. Additional guidance regarding the applicable benchmark for this measure will be forthcoming.

Several edits were made to CA1.7 – most notably, the measure now captures outreach attempts and successful contacts with the member and the member’s county mental health provider/county clinic for the purpose of care coordination of the member’s mental health needs. Note that the State will reach out to MMPs to offer technical assistance on using the State-provided county mental health claims data to aid in the identification of members receiving Medi-Cal specialty mental health services.

Please provide comments on the revised CA1.7 measure specifications using the attached template by November 10, 2016 to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsreporting@cms.hhs.gov. We will revise the specifications as needed following the comment period.