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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 9

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 9 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 10](#).

CMS and the state revised the Illinois quality withhold technical notes to cover the additional demonstration year, as well as to modify measures ILW8 – Initiation of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment and ILW9 – Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment. CMS and the state are temporarily suspending these measures for DY 8 and 9 due to significant changes to the specifications by the measure steward.

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