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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Texas

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SUBJECT: Texas Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 8

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 8 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Texas Dual Eligible Integrated Care Project, a capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document replaces the previous Texas Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes released on December 21, 2021. 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 10](#).

CMS and the state revised the Texas quality withhold technical notes to modify measure TXW8 – Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment. CMS and the state are temporarily suspending this measure for DY 7 and 8 due to significant changes to the specifications by the measure steward. In addition to this change, the descriptive information was revised to align with measure steward updates for measure TXW7 – Minimizing Facility Length of Stay.

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