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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Massachusetts

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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on Draft Demonstration Year 2 and 3 Massachusetts-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes

Attached to this memorandum is a draft of the Demonstration Year (DY) 2 and 3 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for One Care, the Massachusetts capitated model demonstration under the Financial Alignment Initiative. The document provides additional details and benchmarks associated with the state-specific quality withhold measures that Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will be required to meet under the demonstration. These state-specific measures directly supplement the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 and 3, which were released in draft on November 12, 2015.

Note that the Massachusetts-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes contain a new measure that will be included in the quality withhold analysis for Massachusetts MMPs in DY 3. This measure, Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services, will serve as a replacement for two Massachusetts-specific measures that have been removed. Those two removed measures, Timely Transmission of Transition Record and Quality of Life Survey, will not be included in the quality withhold analysis for either DY 2 or 3.

Please provide comments on the Massachusetts-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes using the attached template. Comments must be submitted by December 23, 2015 to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at nmccapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov. We will revise the Massachusetts-specific document following the comment period.