



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plan in Rhode Island

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SUBJECT: Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 7

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 7 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Rhode Island Integrated Care Initiative, a capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document replaces the previous Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes released on July 15, 2021. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that the Rhode Island Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) is responsible for under the demonstration, as articulated in Section 4.4.7 of the Three-Way Contract between CMS, the state, and the MMP. These state-specific measures directly supplement the [Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 9](#).

CMS and the state revised the Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to modify measure RIW10 – Care for Older Adults – Advance Care Planning. As of the 2022 measurement year, the Advance Care Planning indicator is retired from the Care for Older Adults HEDIS measure. Consequently, measure RIW10 will no longer apply as of DY 6. In addition to this change, the descriptive information was revised to align with HEDIS updates for measure RIW15 – Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment.

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