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**SUBJECT:** South Carolina Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 8

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 8 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for Healthy Connections Prime, the South Carolina capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document replaces the previous South Carolina Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes released on October 2, 2020. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that South Carolina Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) are responsible for under the demonstration, as articulated in Section 4.4.4 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 South Carolina Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to modify measure SCW6 – Comprehensive Diabetes Care and add measure SCW8 – Eye Exam for Members with Diabetes. As of the 2022 measurement year, the Comprehensive Diabetes Care measure is retired from HEDIS due to the separation of certain indicators into standalone measures. Consequently, measure SCW6 will no longer apply as of DY 7. Of the applicable indicators included in measure SCW6, the Eye Exam (Retinal) Performed indicator will be reported separately as a new standalone HEDIS measure and therefore will be included in the quality withhold analysis as measure SCW8 as of DY 7. CMS and the state retained the benchmark for this indicator that previously applied under SCW6.

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