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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 the 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 August 15, 2018. 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, in accordance with 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 8](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on December 14, 2020, CMS and the state revised the Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover additional demonstration years, including updating benchmarks for certain state-specific measures. We thank those organizations that provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes without any additional changes.

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