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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 October 29, 2020. 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, as articulated in Section 4.4.5 of the Three-Way Contract. These state-specific measures directly supplement the [Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 9](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on November 22, 2021, CMS and the state revised the Texas Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover additional demonstration years, including updating benchmarks and adding new state-specific measures. We thank those organizations that provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Texas Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes without any additional changes.

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