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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Massachusetts

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**SUBJECT:** Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 9

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 9 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for One Care, the Massachusetts capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document replaces the previous Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes released on July 30, 2020. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that Massachusetts 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 December 8, 2021, CMS and the state revised the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover the additional demonstration year, including updating benchmarks, adding new state-specific quality withhold measures, and adding information regarding a modification to the quality withhold methodology for the new entrant in the demonstration. We thank those organizations that provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes without any additional changes.

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