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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Massachusetts

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SUBJECT: Massachusetts-Specific Quality Withhold 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 One Care, the Massachusetts capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans are responsible for under the demonstration. 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 20, 2019, CMS and the state revised the Massachusetts quality withhold technical notes to cover an additional demonstration year, including updating the benchmark for one measure. Given that another year will be added to the demonstration, we further revised the Massachusetts quality withhold technical notes to cover through DY 8. We did not make any other changes.

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