

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: South Carolina MMPs: Request for Comments on Updated State-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 10

We are soliciting comments on the updated South Carolina state-specific quality withhold technical notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 10. The attached draft document was revised to cover additional demonstration years, as well as to align with measure updates for measure SCCW1 – Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients With Diabetes, the additional CMS quality withhold measure.

The alternative withhold measure for SCCW1 was also revised. The previous alternative measure, Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) is replaced with a new Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E) measure reported using Electronic Clinical Data Systems. The alternative measure benchmark and improvement percentage remain unchanged. The new alternative measure is designed to be inclusive of the original Colorectal Cancer Screening measure and includes additional pathways by which data can be obtained. As a reminder, the alternative measure will only be included in the quality withhold analysis if an MMP is unable to report the additional CMS measure.

In addition to these changes, the draft document was also revised to replace NQF measure ID numbers with CMS Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT) measure ID numbers.

These measures directly supplement the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 12 released on October 19, 2023. Please refer to the CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for information about the overall quality withhold methodology.

Please provide comments on the proposed changes to the South Carolina state-specific quality withhold technical notes, using the attached template, to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov by December 14, 2023. We will revise the South Carolina-specific document as appropriate following the comment period.