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

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**SUBJECT:** Illinois-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 8

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 8 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Illinois Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative, a 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 Illinois Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) 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 October 21, 2020, CMS and the state revised the Illinois quality withhold technical notes to include the DY 7 and 8 benchmarks for the Illinois state-specific quality withhold measures. We thank those organizations that provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Illinois quality withhold technical notes without any additional changes.

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