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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans in South Carolina

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**SUBJECT:** South Carolina-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 Healthy Connections Prime, the South Carolina 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 South Carolina 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 September 9, 2020, CMS and the state revised the South Carolina quality withhold technical notes to cover the additional demonstration years, including adding a new quality withhold measure. We did not receive any feedback during the comment period, and therefore finalized the South Carolina quality withhold technical notes without any additional changes.

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