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

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**SUBJECT:** California-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 5

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 5 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for Cal MediConnect, the California 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 California 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 5, which can be found at the following address: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/Downloads/QualityWithholdGuidanceDY2-503142018.pdf>.

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