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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans operating in California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York FIDA, New York FIDA IDD, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina

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**SUBJECT:** CMS Update on CY 2017 Medicare Quality Withhold Repayment for Medicare-Medicaid Plans

This memorandum provides Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) operating in the California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York FIDA, New York FIDA IDD, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina demonstrations under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative with an update regarding repayment of the Medicare portion of the CY 2017 quality withhold.

For currently active MMPs, the Medicare portion of the CY 2017 quality withhold will be paid as part of the July 2019 capitation payment cycle for these demonstrations. These payments will appear on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) on the “Special Adjustment” page with Adjustment Type “QWP.”

For currently active New York FIDA MMPs, CMS will follow up regarding timing of the redistribution of quality withhold dollars from terminated to continuing plans at a later date; that redistribution will occur as part of a separate settlement.

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