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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans

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SUBJECT: CMS Update on CY 2020 Medicare Quality Withhold Repayment for Medicare-Medicaid Plans

This memorandum provides Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative with an update regarding repayment of the Medicare portion of the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 quality withhold.

For currently active MMPs, the Medicare portion of the CY 2020 quality withhold will be paid as part of the April 2022 capitation payment cycle.

As discussed in the HPMS Memo “Quality Withhold Updates for Medicare-Medicaid Plans” released July 29, 2020, for the CY 2020 quality withhold analysis, all MMPs were eligible for the adjustment for extreme and uncontrollable circumstances due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accordingly, all MMPs will receive 100% of the CY 2020 withheld amount.

These payments will appear on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) on the “Special Adjustment” page with Adjustment Type “QWP.”

Please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions.