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

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**SUBJECT:** Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 10

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 10 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for One Care, the Massachusetts capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document replaces the previous Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes released on January 24, 2022. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that Massachusetts 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 10](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on November 22, 2022, CMS and the state revised the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover the additional demonstration year, including adding new state-specific quality withhold measures. Additionally, one measure was temporarily suspended due to significant changes to the specifications by the measure steward. We did not receive any feedback during the comment period, and therefore finalized the Massachusetts Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes without any additional changes.

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