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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans in California, Illinois, New York, and Ohio

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**SUBJECT:** Updated State-Specific Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of updated state-specific quality withhold measure technical notes for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) in California, Illinois, New York, and Ohio. The technical notes for these states were revised to add a reference and link for the CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 9, and to modify measure descriptions and labels to align with HEDIS updates where applicable. No other changes were made to the measures or benchmarks. The updated state-specific quality withhold measure technical notes are posted on the [MMP Quality Withhold](#) webpage.

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