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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Ohio

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SUBJECT: Ohio-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 11

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 11 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for MyCare Ohio, a 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 Ohio 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 12](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on November 30, 2023, CMS and the state revised the Ohio quality withhold technical notes to cover additional demonstration years, as well as to align with measure steward updates for measure OCW1 – Diabetes Care: Blood Sugar Controlled, the additional CMS quality withhold measure. We also updated the alternative withhold measure (Colorectal Cancer Screening) to reflect that the measure is exclusively reported using Electronic Clinical Data Systems as of DY 10. As a reminder, the alternative measure will only be included in the quality withhold analysis if an MMP is unable to report the additional CMS measure.

We thank those who provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Ohio Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes with two minor changes: 1) we revised the measure title for OCW1 back to ‘Diabetes Care: Blood Sugar Controlled’ to affirm that the substance of the measure remains the same following the updates by the measure steward, and 2) we added a footnote for the alternative withhold measure to acknowledge a change in the specified age range as of DY 8.

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