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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plan in Rhode Island

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SUBJECT: Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 9

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of updated Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 9 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Rhode Island Integrated Care Initiative, 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 the Rhode Island Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) is 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 December 1, 2023, CMS and the state revised the Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover the additional demonstration years, to reinstate measure RIW15 – Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment with an updated title, and to retire measure RIW9 – Care for Older Adults – Pain Assessment as of DY 9 (2025). We thank those who provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Rhode Island Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes without any additional changes.

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