



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Michigan
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SUBJECT: Michigan 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 MI Health Link, the Michigan 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 Michigan 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 12](#).

As noted when the draft was released for public comment on November 30, 2023, CMS and the state revised the Michigan Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes to cover additional demonstration years, to align with measure steward updates for measure MIW9 – Minimizing Facility Length of Stay, and to update measure MIW11 – Colorectal Cancer Screening to reflect that the measure is exclusively reported using Electronic Clinical Data Systems as of DY 9.

We thank those who provided comments on the proposed revisions. Considering the feedback received, we finalized the Michigan Quality Withhold Measure Technical Notes with an additional change to measure MIW11 – Colorectal Cancer Screening. We adjusted the measure description and added a note clarifying that although the measure steward revised the specifications to expand the age range, the 51-75 age stratification will be used for the quality withhold analysis.

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