

New York FIDA-IDD Medicare-Medicaid Plan Quality Withhold Analysis Results Demonstration Year 5 (Calendar Year 2021)

The Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI) seeks to better serve people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid by testing person-centered, integrated care models. In order to ensure that dually eligible individuals receive high quality care and to encourage quality improvement, both Medicare and Medicaid withheld a percentage of their respective components of the capitation rate paid to each Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) participating in a capitated model demonstration under the FAI. MMPs are eligible for repayment of the withheld amounts subject to their performance on a combination of CMS Core and State-Specific quality withhold measures.¹ For each measure, MMPs earn a “met” or “not met” designation depending on their achieved rate relative to the benchmark level, or where applicable, the gap closure target.² Based on the percent of measures with a “met” designation, MMPs receive a quality withhold payment according to a tiered scale (see table below); however, certain MMPs that experienced an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance during the measurement year are eligible for 100% of the withheld amount, irrespective of measure performance.³

Percent of Measures Met	Percent of Withhold MMP Receives
0-19%	0%
20-39%	25%
40-59%	50%
60-79%	75%
80-100%	100%

This report provides the results of the quality withhold analysis for the MMP in the New York Fully Integrated Duals Advantage for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (FIDA-IDD) demonstration for Demonstration Year (DY) 5, which covers Calendar Year 2021. On the following page, Table 1 provides results for each CMS Core measure, Table 2 provides results for each State-Specific measure, and Table 3 provides summary results for the quality withhold analysis. In Tables 1 and 2, measures that also utilize the gap closure target methodology are marked with an asterisk (as noted above, for these measures, MMPs can earn a “met” designation by meeting the benchmark or the gap closure target).⁴ Additionally, any measures that were not applicable for the MMP due to low enrollment or inability to meet other reporting criteria are listed as “N/A.” In Table 3, a plus sign indicates that the MMP qualified for a quality withhold adjustment due to an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance. The New York MMP qualified for the adjustment due to Hurricane Ida in 2021.

For more information about the quality withhold methodology, measures, and benchmarks, refer to the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 10 and the New York FIDA-IDD Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 7. These documents are available on the [MMP Quality Withhold Methodology & Technical Notes](#) webpage.

¹ CMS Core measures apply consistently across all capitated model demonstrations, unless a certain measure is inapplicable due to differences in demonstration design or timing/enrollment constraints. State-Specific measures apply to a specific capitated model demonstration. Note that the number, type, and complexity of State-Specific measures vary depending on key areas of interest for the respective demonstration.

² For certain measures, an MMP can also earn a “met” designation if the MMP closes the gap between its performance in the prior calendar year and the benchmark by a stipulated improvement percentage (typically 10%). The gap closure target methodology applies to most CMS Core measures. For State-Specific measures, states have the discretion to determine whether the gap closure target methodology applies.

³ For MMPs that are affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance, such as a major natural disaster, CMS and the State remit the full quality withhold payment for the year in which the extreme and uncontrollable circumstance occurred, provided that the MMP fully reports all applicable quality withhold measures. Affected MMPs are identified according to the methodology utilized for Medicare Part C and D Star Ratings for the applicable measurement year.

⁴ Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, MMPs were not required to report Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) measures for CY 2020. As a result, the MMP’s CY 2019 rate was used as the “prior calendar year” to calculate the gap closure target for measure CW7 – Annual Flu Vaccine.

Table 1: CMS Core Measure Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	CW6 – Plan All-Cause Readmissions	CW7 – Annual Flu Vaccine*	CW8 – Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness*	CW11 – Controlling Blood Pressure*	CW12 – Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications*	CW13 – Encounter Data
	Benchmark: 1.00	Benchmark: 69%	Benchmark: 56%	Benchmark: 71%	Benchmark: 80%	Benchmark: 80%
Partners Health Plan, Inc.	Not Met	Not Met	N/A	Met	Met	Met

Table 2: New York FIDA-IDD State-Specific Measure Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	IDDW3 – Annual Dental Visit*	IDDW4 – Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) Diversion	IDDW5 – Diabetes Care: Blood Sugar Controlled*	IDDW6 – Care for Older Adults: Medication Review*
	Benchmark: 82%	Benchmark: Timely and Accurate Reporting	Benchmark: 65%	Benchmark: 75%
Partners Health Plan, Inc.	Met	Met	Met	Met

Table 3: Quality Withhold Analysis Summary Results

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	# of Measures in Analysis			# of Measures Met			% of Measures Met			% of Withhold Received
	Core	State	Total	Core	State	Total	Core	State	Total	
Partners Health Plan, Inc. ⁺	5	4	9	3	4	7	60%	100%	78%	100% [^]

* Indicates measures that also utilize the gap closure target methodology (see page 1 for more information).

⁺ Indicates the MMP was eligible for a quality withhold adjustment due to an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance (see page 1 for more information). As a result, the MMP received 100% of the withheld amount, regardless of the percent of measures with a “met” designation.

[^] Indicates that the MMP’s percent of withhold received was increased to 100% due to the quality withhold adjustment for an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance.