

HPMS E-Mail

Date: December 5, 2023

Subject: Massachusetts MMPs: Request for Comments on Updated State-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 12

We are soliciting comments on the updated Massachusetts state-specific quality withhold technical notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 12. The attached draft document was revised to cover additional demonstration years and to replace NQF measure ID numbers with CMS Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT) measure ID numbers. CMS and the state also updated measures MA4 – Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment and MA6 – Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes to align with measure steward updates, and measure MA4 is reinstated beginning in DY 11 (2024) after being temporarily suspended for DY 9 and 10. In addition to these changes, CMS and the state updated the benchmarks for two measures, MA7 – Timely Assessment and MA12 – Minimizing Facility Length of Stay.

These measures directly supplement the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 12 released on October 19, 2023. Please refer to the CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for information about the overall quality withhold methodology.

Please provide comments on the proposed changes to the Massachusetts state-specific quality withhold technical notes, using the attached template, to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov by December 19, 2023. We will revise the Massachusetts-specific document as appropriate following the comment period.