

## California Medicare-Medicaid Plan Quality Withhold Analysis Results

### Demonstration Year 3 (Calendar Year 2017)

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

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 MMPs in the Cal MediConnect demonstration for Demonstration Year (DY) 3, which covers Calendar Year 2017. On the following pages, 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 (\*). In Table 3, MMPs that were eligible for a quality withhold adjustment due to an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance are noted by a plus sign (+). These MMPs qualified for the adjustment due to the wildfires in California during 2017.

For more information about the quality withhold methodology, measures, and benchmarks, refer to the CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 5 and the California Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 5. For more information about the adjustment for extreme and uncontrollable circumstances, refer to the CMS memorandum issued April 1, 2019. All of these documents are available on the [MMP Quality Withhold Methodology & Technical Notes](#) webpage.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

**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: 56%	Benchmark: 73%	Benchmark: 80%
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met
Care1st Health Plan	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Not Met
Community Health Group	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Met	Not Met
IEHP Health Access	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Not Met
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met
Molina Healthcare of California	Met	Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Met
Orange County Health Authority	Met	Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Met
San Mateo Health Commission	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met
Santa Clara County Health Authority	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met

**Table 2: California State-Specific Measure Results**

Medicare-Medicaid Plan	CAW6 - Behavioral Health Shared Accountability Process Measure	CAW7 – Behavioral Health Shared Accountability Outcome Measure*	CAW8 – Documentation of Care Goals*	CAW9 – Interaction with Care Team*
	Benchmark: 90%	Benchmark: 10% Decrease	Benchmark: 55%	Benchmark: 78%
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.	Not Met	Met	Met	Met
Care1st Health Plan	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met
Community Health Group	Not Met	Met	Met	Met
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	Met	Met	Not Met	Met
IEHP Health Access	Met	Met	Met	Not Met
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County	Met	Not Met	Met	Met
Molina Healthcare of California	Not Met	Met	Met	Not Met
Orange County Health Authority	Not Met	Met	Met	Not Met
San Mateo Health Commission	Not Met	Met	Met	Met
Santa Clara County Health Authority	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Met

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

**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	
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	6	3	9	100%	75%	90%	100%
Care1st Health Plan <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	3	1	4	50%	25%	40%	100%^
Community Health Group <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	6	3	9	100%	75%	90%	100%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	4	3	7	67%	75%	70%	100%^
IEHP Health Access	6	4	10	3	3	6	50%	75%	60%	75%
Local Initiative Health Authority for L.A. County <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	6	3	9	100%	75%	90%	100%
Molina Healthcare of California <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	5	2	7	83%	50%	70%	100%^
Orange County Health Authority <sup>+</sup>	6	4	10	5	2	7	83%	50%	70%	100%^
San Mateo Health Commission	6	4	10	6	3	9	100%	75%	90%	100%
Santa Clara County Health Authority	6	4	10	6	2	8	100%	50%	80%	100%
<b>California Averages</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>98%</b>

<sup>+</sup> Indicates MMPs that were eligible for a quality withhold adjustment due to an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance (see page 1 for more information). These MMPs received 100% of the withheld amount, regardless of the percent of measures with a “met” designation.

<sup>^</sup> 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.