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**SUBJECT:** Final Demonstration Year 1 California-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the final state-specific quality withhold technical notes for Cal MediConnect, the California capitated model demonstration under the Financial Alignment Initiative. The document provides additional requirements associated with the state-specific quality withhold measures that California Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will be required to meet under the demonstration.

These state-specific measures directly supplement the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 1, which can be found at the following address: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/Downloads/DY1QualityWithholdGuidance060614.pdf>.

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