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TO: Rhode Island Medicare-Medicaid Plan

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SUBJECT: Rhode Island MMP: Contract Year 2017 Quality Improvement Project Information

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information associated with the procedural changes for the contract year (CY) 2017 Quality Improvement Project (QIP) Annual Update that the Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) operating in the Rhode Island capitated financial alignment model demonstration is required to submit.

QIP Annual Update #1 (2017 – 2019 cycle):

1. Based on state-specific feedback, the MMP in Rhode Island will not be required to use the QIP module in the HPMS system for submitting the Annual Update #1 submission for the current QIP 3-year cycle. While the MMP in Rhode Island is still required to conduct the QIP, they will no longer be required to submit information directly to CMS via the QIP module in HPMS for a joint review by CMS reviewers and state reviewers in January 2018.
2. As a result, the MMP in Rhode Island will be required to submit the Annual Update #1 directly to the state for a state-only review. The state will determine the method and format for that submission and will issue guidance to the plan. Please note that the MMP in Rhode Island is still subject to QIP requirements, even if the plan is not directly reporting them to CMS via the QIP module in the HPMS system.
3. In addition, the MMP in Rhode Island will be required to send the Contract Management Team (CMT) a courtesy copy of the final approved Annual Update #1 submission following the state's review, for CMS records.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov.