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**TO:** California Medicare-Medicaid Plans Required to Resubmit Model of Care for CY 2018

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**SUBJECT:** California MMPs: CY 2018 Model of Care Requirements

This memorandum provides California Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) required to resubmit their model of care (MOC) following their previous approval by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and California with guidance on the substantive requirements of that resubmission. Given that the currently approved MOC expires on December 31, 2017, your organization must submit an updated MOC for CY 2018 and beyond by February 15, 2017. Additional information about the submission process will be provided to all resubmitting Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) and MMPs later this year, including dates for training calls in early 2017.

CMS has worked with California to tailor the current CMS MOC elements to reflect requirements and processes for California MMPs. In addition, as occurred with the initial MOC submissions, California will review MOCs concurrently with NCQA. In the attached CY 2018 MOC matrix upload document, CMS' MOC requirements are captured in Elements 1 through 4, and the state-specific requirements appear in MOC Elements 2B, 3A, and 4B. As with the previous MOCs submitted by your organization, NCQA will review the standard CMS required elements, and the state will review the state-specific elements.

In addition, California MMPs should ensure that their entire MOC submission is aligned with the care model, health risk assessment, and Individualized Care Plan (ICP) and care coordination provisions in sections 2.5 and 2.8 of the three-way contracts.

California MMPs receiving this memorandum must submit their MOCs and completed versions of the attached matrix upload documents via HPMS no later than **February 15, 2017**. California will provide MMPs with the results of its review of state-specific information in the MOC submission concurrent with MMPs' receipt of NCQA's comments and scoring in HPMS in April 2017. MMPs will have an opportunity to make revisions to state-specific information in the MOCs to address state comments as indicated by the state. Changes to CMS' MOC requirements will be permitted consistent with CMS' policy for SNP MOC resubmissions.

Any questions regarding the contents of this memorandum should be directed to your contract management team or to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at [mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov)