

# CMS Cuts Excellent Health Outcomes for All Reward Program

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For contract year 2027, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) removed the Excellent Health Outcomes for All reward (f/k/a Health Equity Index reward) as part of the Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D final rule. The objective of these measures was to incentivize better outcomes for a certain segment of Medicare enrollees. As part of the final rule, [CMS](#) will instead use the historical reward factor that promotes consistently high performance for all enrollees across all quality measures, while it explores options for simplifying the [Star Ratings](#) methodology.