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**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report  
September 2019

October 31, 2019

Prepared in Accordance with LB 294 (2019)

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

October 31, 2019

Clerk of the Legislature  
Legislative Fiscal Office  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk of the Legislature and Legislative Fiscal Office:

In accordance with LB 294 (2019) please find attached a report on Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of September 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Nate Watson, JD and Cert Legis Prac, Deputy Director for Policy and Regulations, at [nate.watson@nebraska.gov](mailto:nate.watson@nebraska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MVP".

Matthew A. Van Patton, DHA, Director  
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care  
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachments: 2

## Medicaid Expansion Programs 249 (Administration) & 349 (Aid)

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC), provides the following update regarding Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of September 2019:

DHHS shared the dates and locations of the four public hearings for Nebraska's application for a section 1115 demonstration waiver with the Health and Human Services and Appropriations committees on September 20, 2019. Even though federal law (42 CFR 431.408(a)(3)) only requires two public hearings, DHHS will double the number of opportunities for Nebraskans to provide input in person. The public hearings will be held as follows:

- October 29 - Scottsbluff
- October 30 - Kearney
- November 7 - Norfolk
- November 12 - Omaha

MLTC staff in partnership with its vendor continued its work regarding the draft 1115 waiver application.

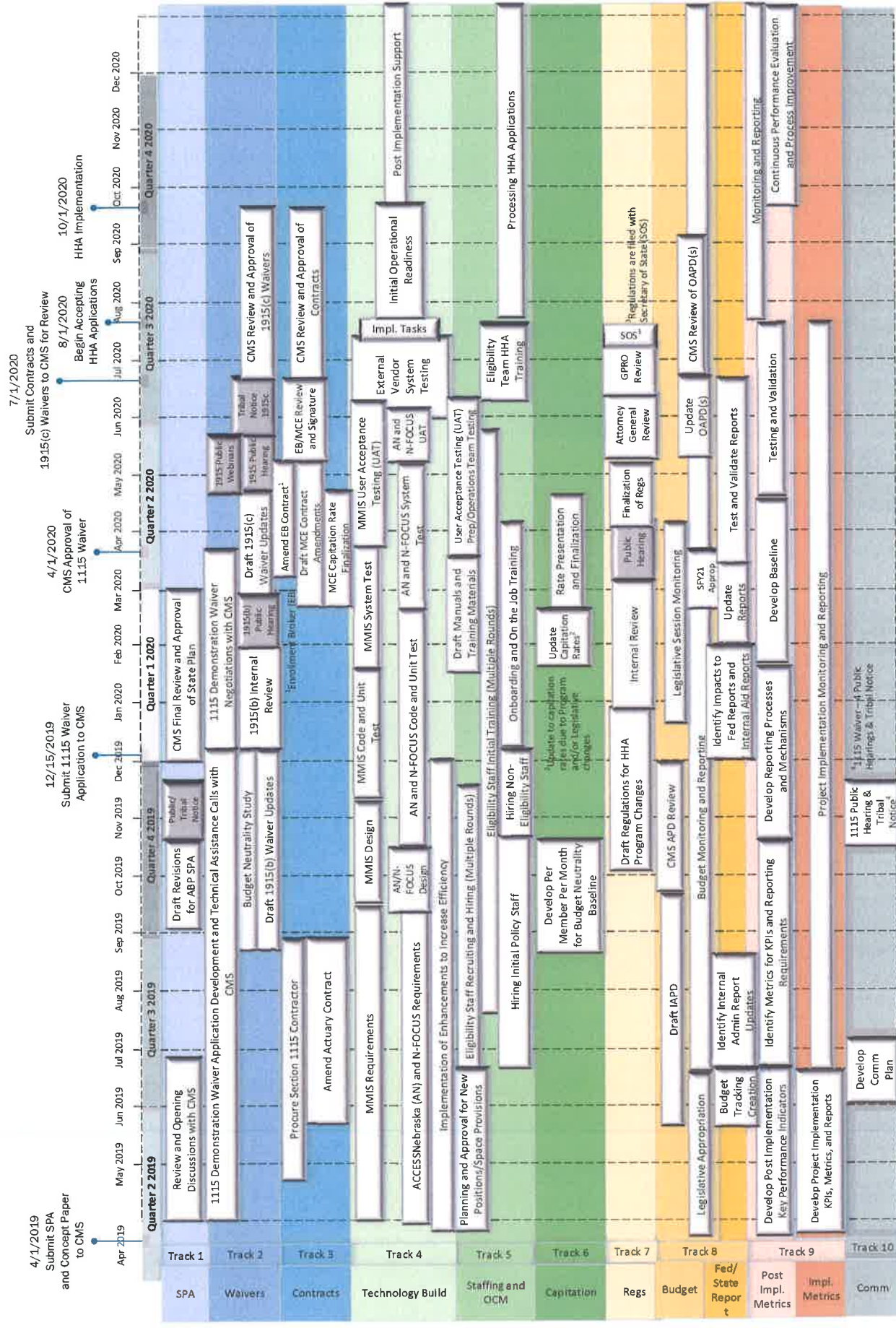
DHHS has decided existing beneficiaries who will join expansion will receive prime benefits for their first benefit tier review period. DHHS has also made significant progress toward defining the types of health appointments that will count as annual health visits for Heritage Health Adult (HHA) members.

Leadership in Eligibility operations were trained on the HHA program along with information on how to lead staff through expansion. DHHS is continuing its recruitment efforts to fill staff positions. To help with hiring, DHHS has obtained temporary recruiters.

Discussions continue and are ongoing with our federal and Nebraska partners. Implementation remains on track for October 1, 2020.

For the latest project schedule, please refer to the attached timeline.

# Heritage Health Adult Implementation Plan Timeline



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