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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
December 2019

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

February 3, 2020

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 June 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.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Brunssen, Interim 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, 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 December 2019:

Nebraska Medicaid's application for a section 1115 demonstration waiver, which will be used to create the Heritage Health Adult expansion program to expand Medicaid to certain able-bodied adults, was submitted to the federal government on December 12, 2019. On December 17, the federal government sent a memo to MLTC confirming the submitted application was complete. This memo began the federal public comment period on MLTC's application, which ended mid-January.

Before submitting the application, MLTC removed the requirement for beneficiaries to complete clinical labs ordered by their provider as a part of earning Prime benefits. MLTC came to this decision after determining monitoring this requirement could not be evenly applied for all members of the adult expansion group.

MLTC also more precisely defined the vision benefit for the expansion group. Basic benefits will cover emergency vision services and diagnostic services for conditions which may lead to vision loss. Prime benefits will include all state plan vision services.

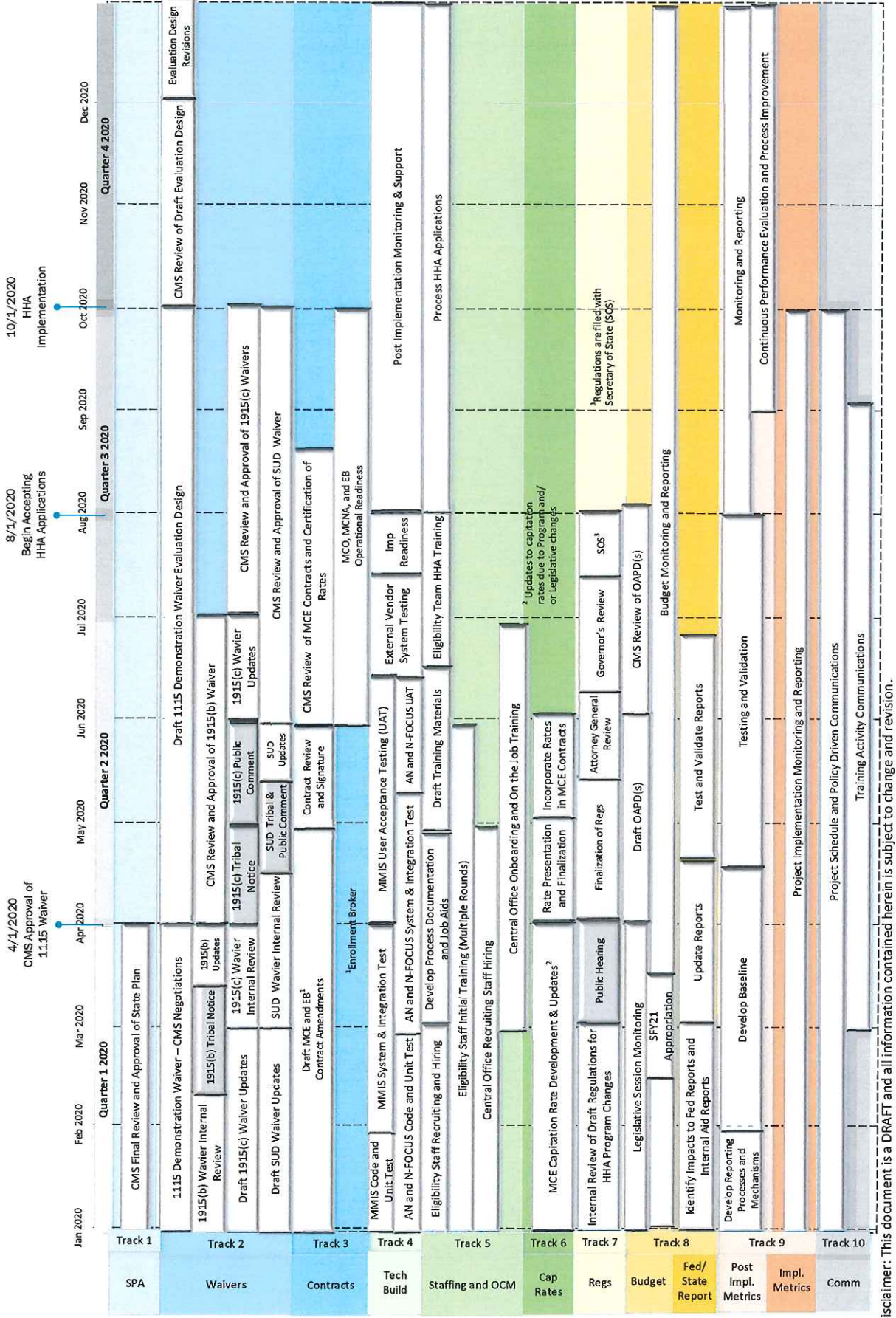
MLTC is in process of developing capitation rates that will be in effect on October 1, 2020. Specifically, MLTC continued work with its contracted actuary regarding the data sources, considerations, and assumptions around the new population. MLTC also considered the blending percentages used in the general approach for rate development for the new expansion capitation rate cohorts, which was the foundation for the budget neutrality analysis contained within the 1115 waiver demonstration application filed in December. Additionally, MLTC continued work on the 1915(b) waiver renewal due on July 1, 2020, to add the adult expansion group into Medicaid managed care in Nebraska.

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

01/15/2020



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