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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
June 2020

July 31, 2020

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

July 31, 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 2020.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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 June 2020:

Progress was made on further defining the new Medically Frail criteria for individuals who will be eligible for Heritage Health Adult (HHA). MLTC has determined the diagnosis codes and serious and complex conditions that will apply. Medically frail conditions include disabling mental disorders, individuals with chronic substance use disorders, individuals with serious and complex medical conditions, and individuals with physical, intellectual or developmental disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform activities of daily living.

MLTC also made progress in finalizing details regarding currently Medicaid-eligible individuals who will by federal law transfer from their current eligibility group to HHA. Certain individuals who will be transferred to HHA will be transferred automatically when the HHA program begins on October 1. These transferred individuals will not experience a change in benefits while the declared public health emergency remains in effect.

MLTC also continued to train eligibility staff for the beginning of the HHA program. MLTC continued recruiting, hiring, and training for Eligibility Operations. Staff training and computer system testing also continued in June and have since been successfully completed.

An additional public hearing on the state regulations needed to implement Medicaid expansion was held on June 8, 2020. Regulations are on track to be promulgated by the beginning of August 2020.

MLTC also submitted an amendment to the federal government to add the adult expansion population to Nebraska's Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration waiver. The federal government's public comment period on this waiver amendment lasted through the end of June. No critical comments were received.

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 Alternative Implementation Plan Timeline

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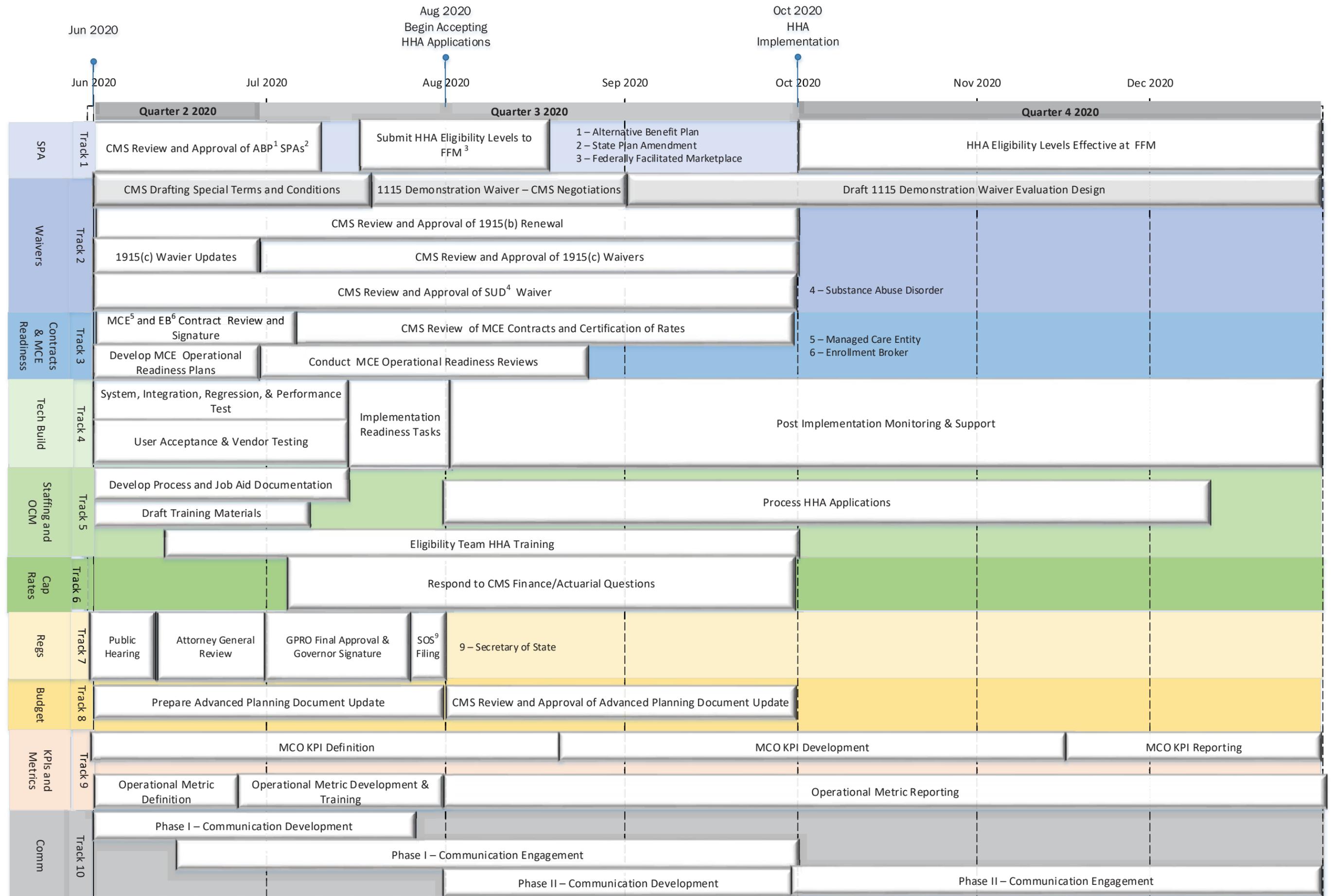


Figure 1: HHA Alternative Implementation Timeline – Draft Projection