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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
September 2020

October 30, 2020

Prepared in Accordance with LB 294 (2019)

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

October 30, 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 September 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Jeremy.Brunssen@Nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Brunssen", 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 September 2020:

In September, DHHS had very active discussions with federal partners in advance of final approval of the Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver for Medicaid expansion. DHHS received and responded to proposed updates to the terms and conditions of the waiver agreement and additional questions regarding our program design.

Efforts to recruit, hire, and train eligibility staff continued through September. Similarly, work continued on finalizing business processes and business design for Medicaid's eligibility operations. These tasks will ensure Medicaid is able to continue providing accurate and timely eligibility determinations as Nebraskans continue to apply for coverage through Medicaid expansion.

In regards to the technology systems supporting Medicaid expansion, N-FOCUS continues to be updated to support activities that will follow the launch of the expansion program. These activities include developing reports that will support operational metrics and executive oversight, which are being developed. Conversations regarding 1115 waiver demonstration requirements between DHHS Information Systems and Technology and MLTC are underway.

September 2020 was the final month before benefits were available for individuals eligible for coverage through Medicaid expansion. Details of Nebraska's Medicaid expansion program have been finalized and will not require additional updates in this report unless changes occur. These details include topics such as services, rate setting, and others. Implementation was launched successfully on October 1, 2020.

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

Heritage Health Adult Alternative Implementation Plan Timeline
9/30/20

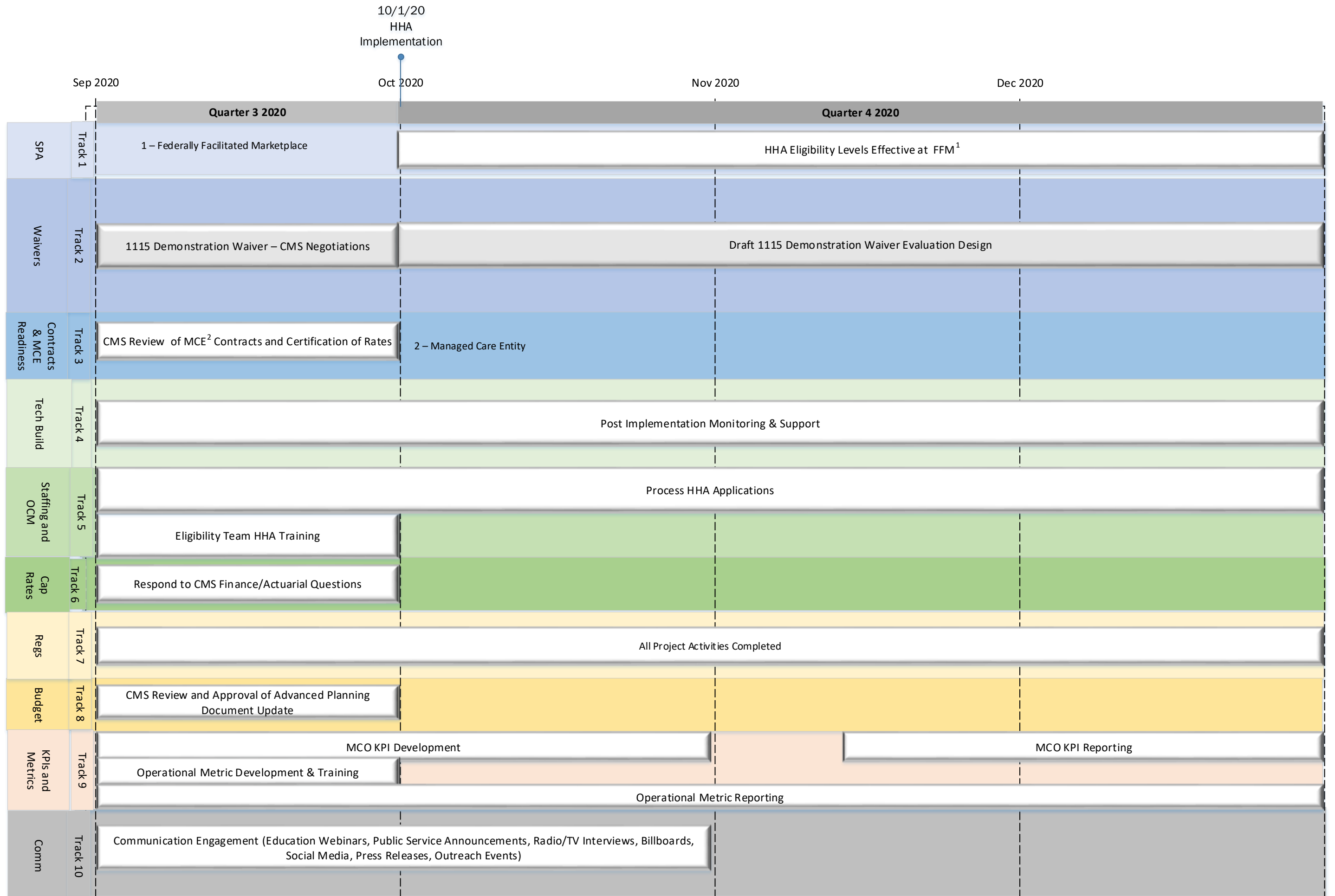


Figure 1: HHA Alternative Implementation Timeline