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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
October 2020

November 30, 2020

Prepared in Accordance with LB 294 (2019)

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

November 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 October 2020.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Brunssen".

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 October 2020:

Expansion was launched successfully on October 1, 2020. With benefits through Medicaid expansion now available, many details of the 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. Details on enrollment for the month of October are below:

Medicaid Expansion – Eligibility Determinations (as of 11/1/20)	
Basic	10,371
Prime	5,821
Medically Frail	843
19-20 Year Olds	2,167
COVID Public Health Emergency	2,811
TOTAL:	16,187

Medicaid is now focusing on ongoing support and future improvements to the expansion program. Among these future improvements is Nebraska's demonstration waiver for Medicaid expansion, which the federal government approved on October 20, 2020. Medicaid has begun working on the initial tasks the federal government requires to implement the demonstration program. Nebraska Medicaid is planning to begin the demonstration program on April 1, 2021. More details on the demonstration program, including an FAQ, are available on the [DHHS Website](#).

Eligibility Operations continue to recruit, hire, and train new staff. With benefits through expansion now available, Eligibility Operations is now working through lessons learned and updating some internal processes to serve applicants and beneficiaries more efficiently. Eligibility Operations is also preparing for the beginning of the demonstration program. In October, Eligibility Operations completed reviewing all Medicaid cases that were potentially eligible to be transferred from another eligibility category into expansion.

DHHS Information Systems and Technology are also preparing for the beginning of the demonstration program, which will require additional updates to DHHS's technology systems.

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

Heritage Health Adult Phase II Implementation Plan Timeline

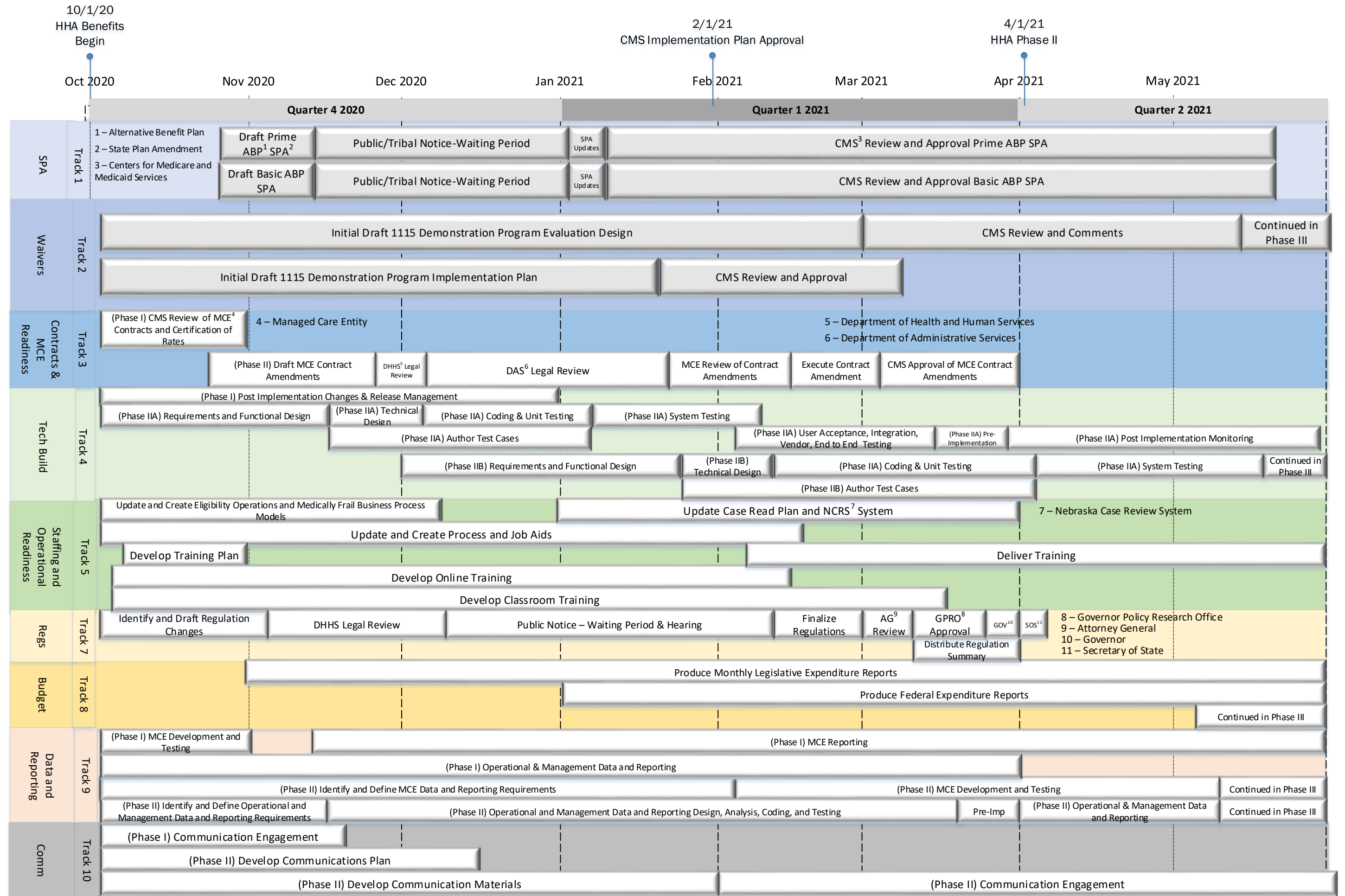


Figure 1: HHA Phase II Implementation Timeline