

NEBRASKA



Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
July 2021

August 31, 2021

Prepared in Accordance with LB 380 (2021)

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

August 31, 2021

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 380 (2021) please find attached a report on Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of July 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Kevin.Bagley@Nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Bagley".

Kevin Bagley, Director
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachments: 1

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 decisions for the calendar month of July 2021:

Expansion was launched successfully on October 1, 2020. Details on enrollment for the month of July 2021 are below:

Medicaid Expansion - Eligibility Determinations (as of 8/1/21)		
	July 2021	Cumulative
Basic¹	1,169	35,563
Prime²	1,175	13,432
Medically Frail	893	7,077
Pregnant Women	33	260
19-20 Year Olds	249	6,095
TOTAL:	2,344	48,995

As discussed in last month's report, effective October 1, 2021, DHHS will automatically provide full state plan benefits to all Medicaid expansion (also known as Heritage Health Adult or HHA) beneficiaries. To put this change into effect, the following activities occurred in July 2021:

On July 2, 2021, DHHS concluded its public and tribal comment periods related to a state plan amendment and the termination of the section 1115 demonstration waiver (1115 waiver). DHHS is preparing an 1115 waiver conclusion statement for the federal government.

On July 10, 2021, DHHS concluded a tribal comment period regarding changes to the state's 1915(b) managed care waiver. This waiver amendment was submitted to the federal government for approval on July 14, 2021. Additionally, DHHS completed drafts of the necessary contract amendments for its contracted Medicaid managed care entities³. These draft contract

¹ Basic benefits include physical health, behavioral health, and prescription drugs.

² Prime benefits include all Basic benefits, plus dental, vision, and over-the-counter medications. Prime benefits is synonymous with full state-plan benefits.

³ Managed care entities include Nebraska Medicaid's three managed care health plans, as well as the dental benefits plan.

amendments include updated capitation rates and are now being reviewed through the state's procurement process.

DHHS scheduled a public hearing for necessary regulation changes on August 18, 2021.

Internally, DHHS continues to design and develop changes to its technology systems. To support these changes, DHHS submitted an implementation advanced planning document to the federal government on July 26, 2021, in order to request federal financial participation for these changes.

DHHS eligibility staff have completed additional training on changes coming to the expansion program.

For the latest program expenditures, please refer to the Expansion Aid table below.

Program 349 Expansion Aid SFY 21-22		
	Appropriations	Expenditures
General Funds	\$43,863,305	\$4,779,211
Federal Funds (estimated)	\$373,260,870	\$38,374,077
Total	\$417,124,175	\$43,153,288

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

Heritage Health Adult Single Benefit Plan Phase 1 Implementation Plan Timeline 7/31/21

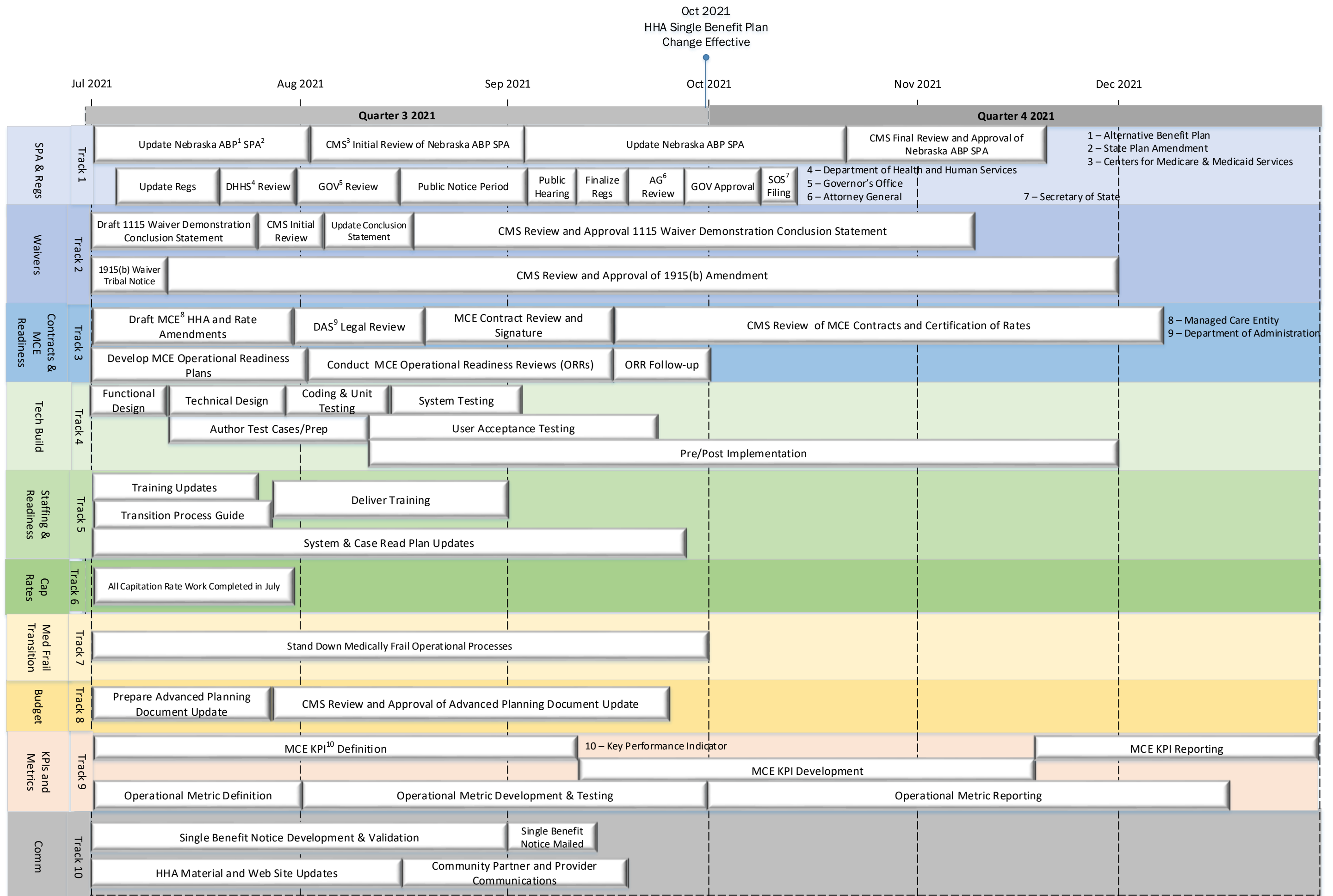


Figure 1: HHA Single Benefit Plan Phase 1 Implementation Timeline

Document Revision History

- 6//30/2021 – CAS – Initial draft completed.
- 7/31/2021 – CAS updated timeline for July and removed June completed activities.