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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
February 2021

March 31, 2021

Prepared in Accordance with LB 294 (2019)

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

March 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 294 (2019) please find attached a report on Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of February 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medicaid program at Kevin.Bagley@Nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin Bagley, 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 February 2021:

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. Details on enrollment for the month of February are below:

Medicaid Expansion - Eligibility Determinations (as of 3/1/21)		
	February 2021	Cumulative
Basic ¹	2,195	27,706
Prime ²	1,122	8,681
Medically Frail	631	4,010
Pregnant Women	34	106
19-20 Year Olds	460	4,565
TOTAL:	3,318	36,387

In February, DHHS announced that the state would not have federal decision on the Heritage Health Adult Demonstration Program's implementation plan in time to launch the program as scheduled on April 1, 2021. The HHA Demonstration Program would allow everyone currently receiving basic benefits to complete wellness and personal responsibility activities in order to qualify for Prime benefits. As such, the schedule of the program's implementation is yet to be determined. A press release with more information is available on the [DHHS website](#).

Eligibility Operations continued to develop and refine training materials to support ongoing operations around Medicaid expansion. These materials include online and classroom-style training and process guides. Eligibility Operations is also preparing training materials to support the HHA Demonstration Program's implementation once a timeline for this is set.

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

¹ Basic benefits include physical health, behavioral health, and prescription drug coverage.

² Prime benefits include all Basic benefits, plus dental, vision, and over-the-counter medication coverage.

Program 349 Expansion Aid SFY 20-21		
	Appropriations	Expenditures
GF	\$43,863,305	\$10,952,724
FF est.	\$373,260,870	\$95,461,280
Total	\$417,124,175	\$106,414,004

The attached project timeline is reflective of the project's status prior to the project's pause described above.

Heritage Health Adult Phase 2 Implementation Plan Timeline
2/28/21

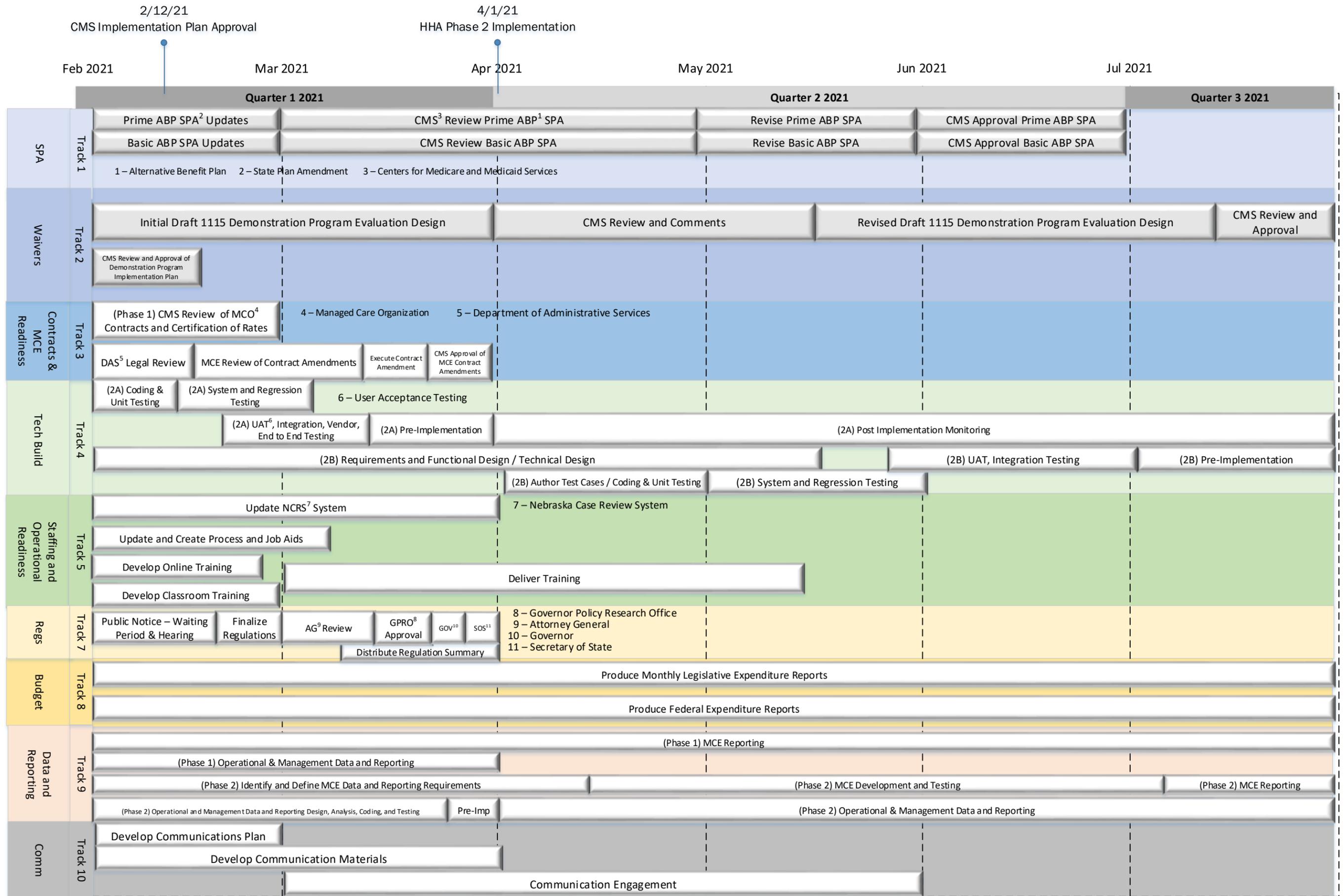


Figure 1: HHA Phase 2 Implementation Timeline