

Ohio Health and Human Services Eligibility Modernization Design and Implementation Timeframe

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The Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) initiated an eligibility modernization initiative to simplify client eligibility based on income, streamline state and local responsibility for eligibility determination, and modernize eligibility systems technology. Taking these actions will improve the consumer experience and significantly reduce costs. OHT will seek enhanced (90/10) federal funding, which is available to states to upgrade eligibility systems for Medicaid and related health and human service programs. The goal is to design and competitively procure a new system prior to the federally-mandated eligibility expansion in January 2014.

Given the urgency to act prior to 2014, Ohio is proposing the schedule shown below to simplify and modernize the state's health and human services eligibility systems, including Medicaid. This schedule will be updated as additional activities and dates become available and are approved by the federal government. More information about this initiative is available on the OHT Website:

www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/CurrentInitiatives/ModernizeEligibilityDeterminationSystems.aspx

| Target Date | Phase I: Getting Started | On Website |
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| Q1 2012 – Q3 2013 | Seek enhanced federal funding to upgrade eligibility and enrollment systems (Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment Expedited Advance Planning Document) | Yes |
| 02/09/2012 | Initiate stakeholder conversations about eligibility simplification concepts | |
| 03/15/2012 | Submit Concept Paper to CMS and post for public review (40 day public comment begins) | Yes |
| 04/08/2012 | Public comments due and considered for incorporation into Draft 1115 Waiver Proposal | |
| Phase II: 1115 Waiver Authority | | |
| 06/06/2012 | Draft 1115 Waiver Proposal posted for public comment (30 day public comment period begins) | Yes |
| 06/08/2012 | First Public Hearing: MCAC - Lazarus Building, 6 th Floor | |
| 06/11/2012 | Second Public Hearing: Public Forum – State Library of Ohio | |
| 06/20/2012-06/28/2012 | Hold a Third Public Hearing | |
| 07/06/2012 | Public Comments due by 5 pm and are considered for incorporation into a final 1115 Waiver Proposal | |
| 07/13/2012 | Ohio submits 1115 Waiver Application to CMS | |
| TBD by CMS | CMS posts Ohio Proposal for public review (federal public comment period begins) | |
| TBD by CMS | Public comments due and CMS/Ohio begin review of public comments | |
| Q3 2012 | CMS approves Ohio's 1115 Waiver | |
| Q4 2012 | Finalize a 2013 implementation workplan with CMS | |
| Phase III: Implementation | | |
| Q2 2012 | Determine if there will be a consolidated or staged approach for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF and other CRIS-E programs, and a strategy for programs not supported by CRIS-E | |
| Q2-Q4 2012 | Ongoing operational and infrastructure planning, release a request for proposals (RFP), and competitively select a vendor to operate the new system | |
| Q2 2012 | Planning begins for acquisition strategy, risk analysis, alternatives analysis, scope definition, business requirements, performance measures, OAC rules to clearance | |
| Q3 2013 | Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) considers OAC rule changes | |
| Q3 2013 | OAC rules in effect, all contracts and agreements in effect, and system testing begins | |
| Q3 2013 | Outreach and training, and user acceptance testing begins | |
| Q3 2013 | The new system begins accepting applications | |
| Q1 2014 | The new system is operational | |

All dates are based on calendar year