

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
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	
03/09/2012	Submit Concept Paper to CMS and post for public review (30 day public comment begins)	Yes
04/8/2012	Public comments due and considered for incorporation into Draft 1115 Waiver Proposal	
Phase II: 1115 Waiver Authority		
05/01/2012	Draft 1115 Waiver Proposal posted for public comment (30 day public comment begins)	
05/2012	Two public hearings	
06/01/2012	Public comments due and considered for incorporation into a final 1115 Waiver Proposal	
06/11/2012	Ohio submits 1115 Waiver Proposal 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 2012	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