

# HealthChoices Key Events and Milestones

## Healthy PA Demonstration Waiver Transition Plan

Transition Activity	Timeframe
<u>Medicaid Expansion Announcement</u> : Governor Wolf and the Department announce Pennsylvania's transition from the <i>Healthy PA</i> Demonstration to a simple traditional Medicaid expansion plan.	February 9, 2015
<u>Initial Stakeholder Engagement</u> : The Department begins initial external stakeholder communications related to the Medicaid expansion.	February 10, 2015
<u>Public Meeting and Post-Award Forum</u> : The Department provides a post-award update on the <i>Healthy PA</i> Demonstration and the transition to a traditional Medicaid expansion at the February 26 MAAC meeting.	February 26, 2015
<u>Public Notice</u> : The Department publishes notice describing the consolidation of Medicaid benefits into a single benefit package for adults age 21 and older (the Medicaid Adult benefit package); and the transition plan, from <i>Healthy PA</i> to a traditional Medicaid expansion.  The Public Notice includes a 30 day public comment period.	March 21, 2015
<u>Medicaid Beneficiary Communications, Phase 1</u> : The Department and HealthChoices physical and behavioral health Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) issue beneficiary notices about the new Medicaid Adult benefit package and enrollment in HealthChoices MCOs.	March 25, 2015
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<p><u>Transition Phase 1:</u> The Department implements the new Medicaid Adult benefit package.</p> <p>The following individuals will receive notice from the Department about the transition from the Private Coverage Option (PCO) plans to HealthChoices MCOs, with HealthChoices coverage starting on June 1, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults who were previously enrolled in Medical Assistance in December 2014 and who are currently enrolled in the PCO plan; and</li> <li>• All new applicants in the traditional adult Medicaid population and the ACA Newly Eligible Adult Group.</li> </ul>	<p>April 27, 2015</p>
<p><u>Medicaid Beneficiary Communications, Phase 2:</u> The Department issues beneficiary notices to remaining PCO enrollees about enrollment in HealthChoices MCOs.</p>	<p>July 28, 2015</p>
<p><u>Transition Phase 2:</u> The remaining PCO enrollees transition from PCO plans into HealthChoices MCOs. The PCO plan no longer operates.</p>	<p>By September 1, 2015</p>
<p><u>Conclusion:</u> The Department and CMS terminate the <i>Healthy PA</i> Demonstration Waiver.</p>	<p>September 30, 2015</p>