



HB 4035: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding in Oregon

Presented to Joint Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee

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The HB 4035 report includes:

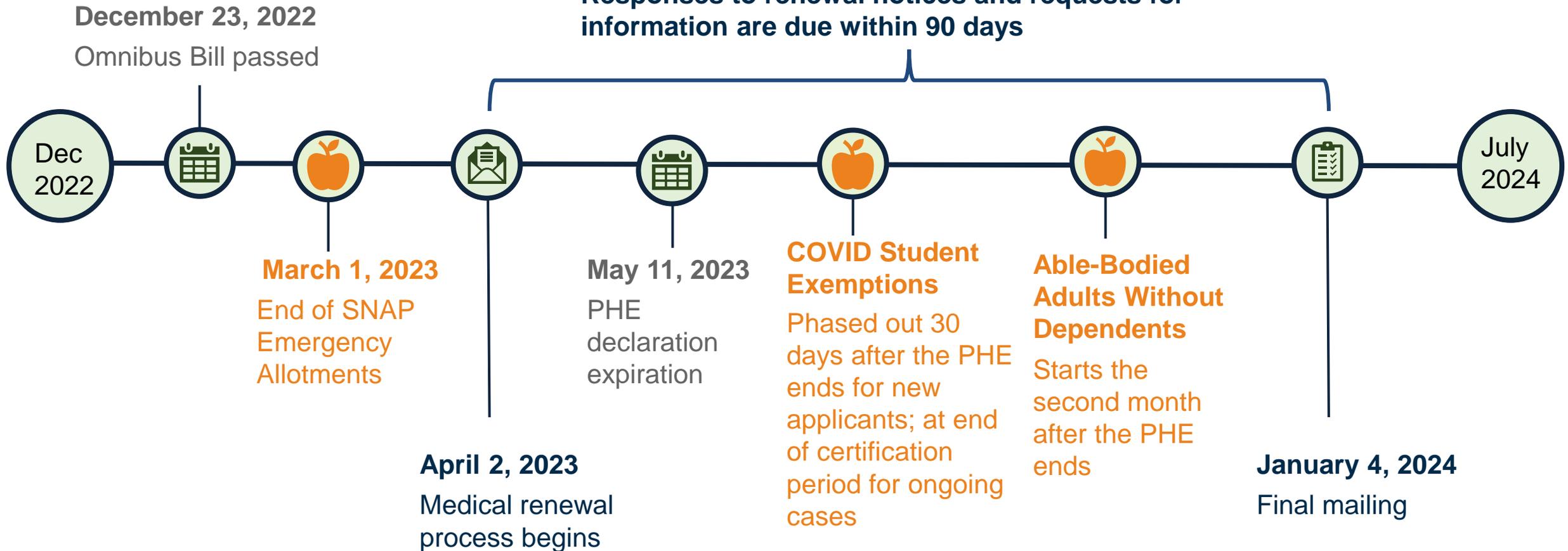
- Revision of the May 2022 report to legislators
- Updates on the Public Health Emergency Unwinding timeline
- Communications and outreach plan and activities
- Planning for risks
- Phasing of renewals
- Community and Partner Work Group recommendations and respective state activities

Waivers received from CMS

- OHA and ODHS have received waiver approval for the following activities:
 - 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act: allows the state to collect updated contact information from managed care entities, including FFS care coordination entities and CCOs, for the first time (**approved**)
 - Amendment to 1115 Waiver to temporarily expand Medicaid eligibility for individuals earning between 138-200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (**submitted, pending approval**)
 - Section 1331 Blueprint to apply for BHP federal funding (**will be submitted in July of 2023**)

Timeline for major renewal activities

Mailings will occur in monthly batches. Notices will be mailed by population groups, not renewal dates. Responses to renewal notices and requests for information are due within 90 days



Communications efforts

	Pre-PHE Ending	PHE Ending Notice	Renewal Period
	March 2022 - Dec 2022	Dec 2022 – March 31, 2023	April 1, 2023 – June 2024
Objectives	<p>Encourage people to update their contact, income and household information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let people know what to expect and how to prepare. • Reinforce importance and urgency of updating their information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage people to read their notices and quickly submit information to continue benefits. • Let people who may experience benefit loss or reductions know about other resources.
Bedrock Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip internal staff with scripts and supporting materials to use in every client interaction. • Share information and tools with community partners, providers and assisters so they can help those they serve navigate changes. • Reach people through broad and targeted awareness campaigns, preferred channels, and trusted senders to meet them where they are with the information they need when they need it . 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the Marketplace to ensure people who lose OHP are supported in their transition to a private plan. • Promote the Bridge Plan as an option for those who do not qualify for OHP and cannot access Marketplace plans .
<p>Solicit and use partner, benefit recipient and Community Partner Work Group (CPWG) feedback to identify and address equity issues and improve PHE -unwinding efforts.</p>			

Phasing of medical renewals

