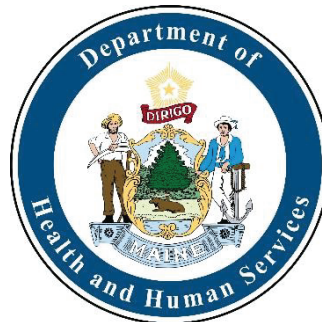


Update to the Maine State Legislature

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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MaineCare Response to COVID-19

MaineCare Members

Coverage

- COVID-19 testing, diagnostic, and treatment services for MaineCare and Emergency MaineCare; and testing and diagnostic services for uninsured.

Member Access

- Waiving copays and extending Prior Authorizations (PAs).
- Ensuring safe utilization of Non-Emergency Transportation (NET).
- Allowing early Rx refills and 90-day refill for appropriate medications.
- Encouraging telehealth as a mode of service delivery, including a comprehensive telehealth member public awareness campaign
- Conducted a comprehensive outreach campaign to reach individuals who may have become eligible for MaineCare as a result of changes in employment/insurance coverage status.
- Allowing mid-level professionals (vs physicians) to certify home health and personal support services.

MaineCare Response to COVID-19

MaineCare Providers

Payment Supports & Incentives

- Temporary rate increases to congregate care facilities and waiver providers, March-May.
- Enhanced rates for facilities experiencing outbreaks, June through PHE.
- Increasing number of bed hold days for which NFs may be reimbursed.
- One-time supplemental payment to hospitals.
- Early implementation of rate increases for personal support services, medication management, and certain children's behavioral health services.
- Per Member Per Month (PMPM) payments to providers of targeted behavioral health services, including day treatment, community supports, and school-based services, July-August.
- PMPM child health incentive payments to primary care and dental providers to encourage access to preventive services, September-December.

Service Delivery

- Robust stakeholder engagement and guidance across DHHS.
- Addition of telehealth codes to support triage, screening and evaluation, for physician offices and dental care.
- Created a temporary streamlined provider enrollment process.
- Allowing services to be provided in alternative settings.
- Allowing congregate care to have joint isolation units across facility types

MaineCare COVID-19 Financial Response

In response to the pandemic, certain health care providers have received direct assistance from the state, as detailed below:

Provider	All funds	State funds
Hospital supplemental payment	\$10.0M	\$3.0M
Waiver programs (App K) temporary increases	\$12.8M	\$3.8M
Nursing Facilities temporary increases	\$8.8M	\$3.0M
Non-NF congregate care (PNMI, ICF) temporary increases	\$11.0M	\$4.8M
COVID congregate care outbreak rates	\$0.9M+	\$0.3M+
Behavioral Health PMPM	\$4.0M	\$1.2M
Child Health Incentive PMPM	\$3.6M	\$1.0M
Early implementation of rate increases (Section 12, 19, 96, and Section 65)	\$6.1M	\$1.8M
Total	\$57.2M	\$18.9M

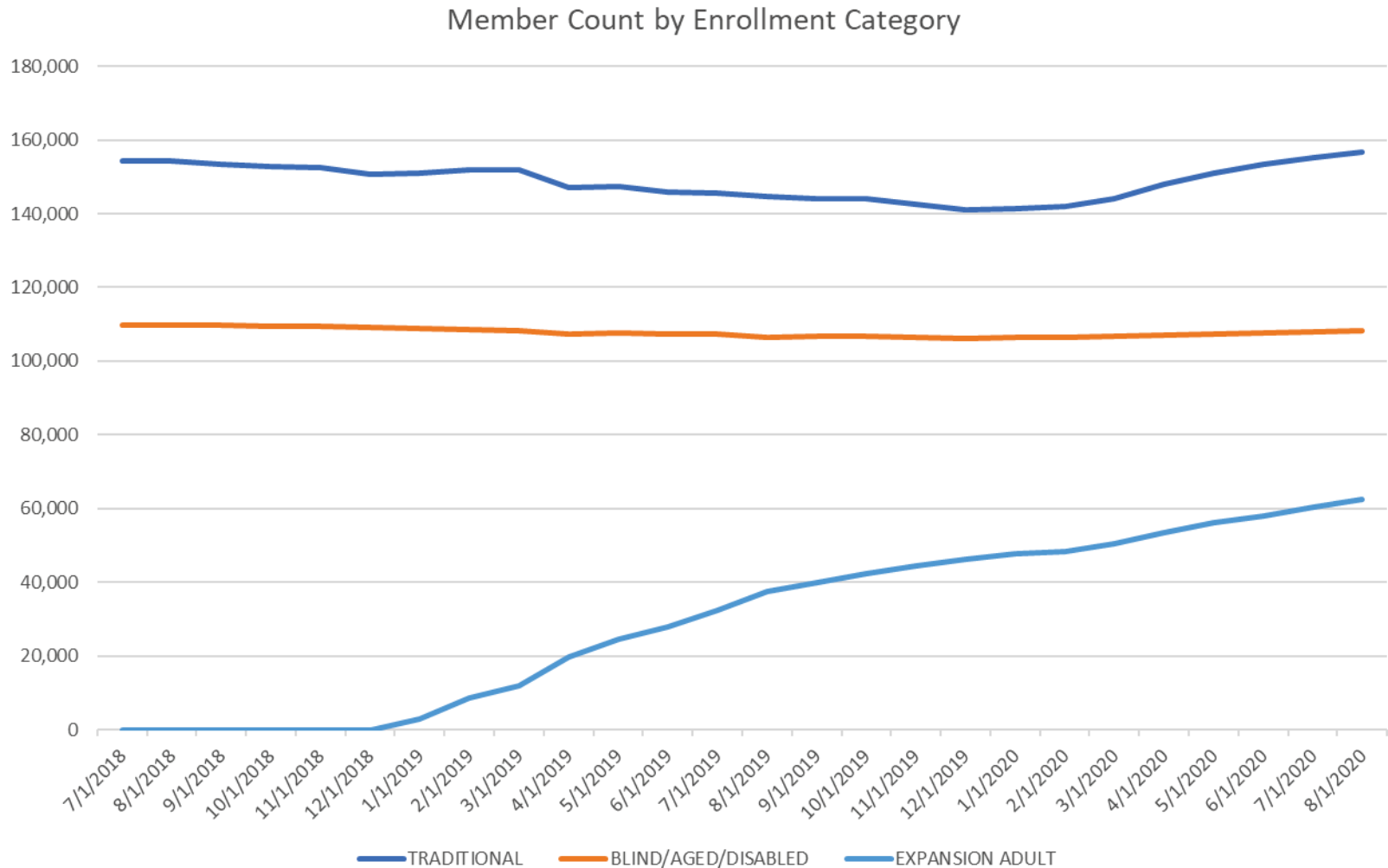
The above table does not include the \$200M Maine Economic Recovery Grant Program funding

MaineCare COVID-19 Financial Response

In response to the pandemic, certain health care providers have received direct assistance from the federal government or assistance as part of broader Maine programs:

Funding Source	National Total (Maine)	Methodology / Eligibility
Provider Relief Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General distribution – Phase 1 • General distribution – Phase 2 • Targeted distributions • Remaining unallocated 	\$175B \$50B (\$145M) \$18B (TBD) \$55B (\$251M) \$50B+ (TBD)	Medicare FFS Medicaid FFS Hospitals/NFs TBD
Paycheck Protection Program	\$659B (\$2.3B)	Generally, any business with fewer than 500 employees
FEMA reimbursement	N/A	COVID-related costs for private non-profits
Coronavirus Relief Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Recovery Grant Program 	(up to \$200M)	Relief based on revenue losses or COVID expenses

MaineCare Enrollment



Enrollment Drivers

Expansion

- Continued growth expected through end of the calendar year:
 - Anticipated growth associated with expansion, intensified by unemployment and coverage needs due to COVID-19

Maintenance of effort

- Required to retain coverage for MaineCare members for duration of declared Public Health Emergency

Economic/pandemic considerations

- MaineCare application volume on average is higher than before the pandemic, indicating increased demand
- Nationally, each percentage-point increase in the unemployment rate is expected to increase the share of people eligible for Medicaid by 0.77 percentage point

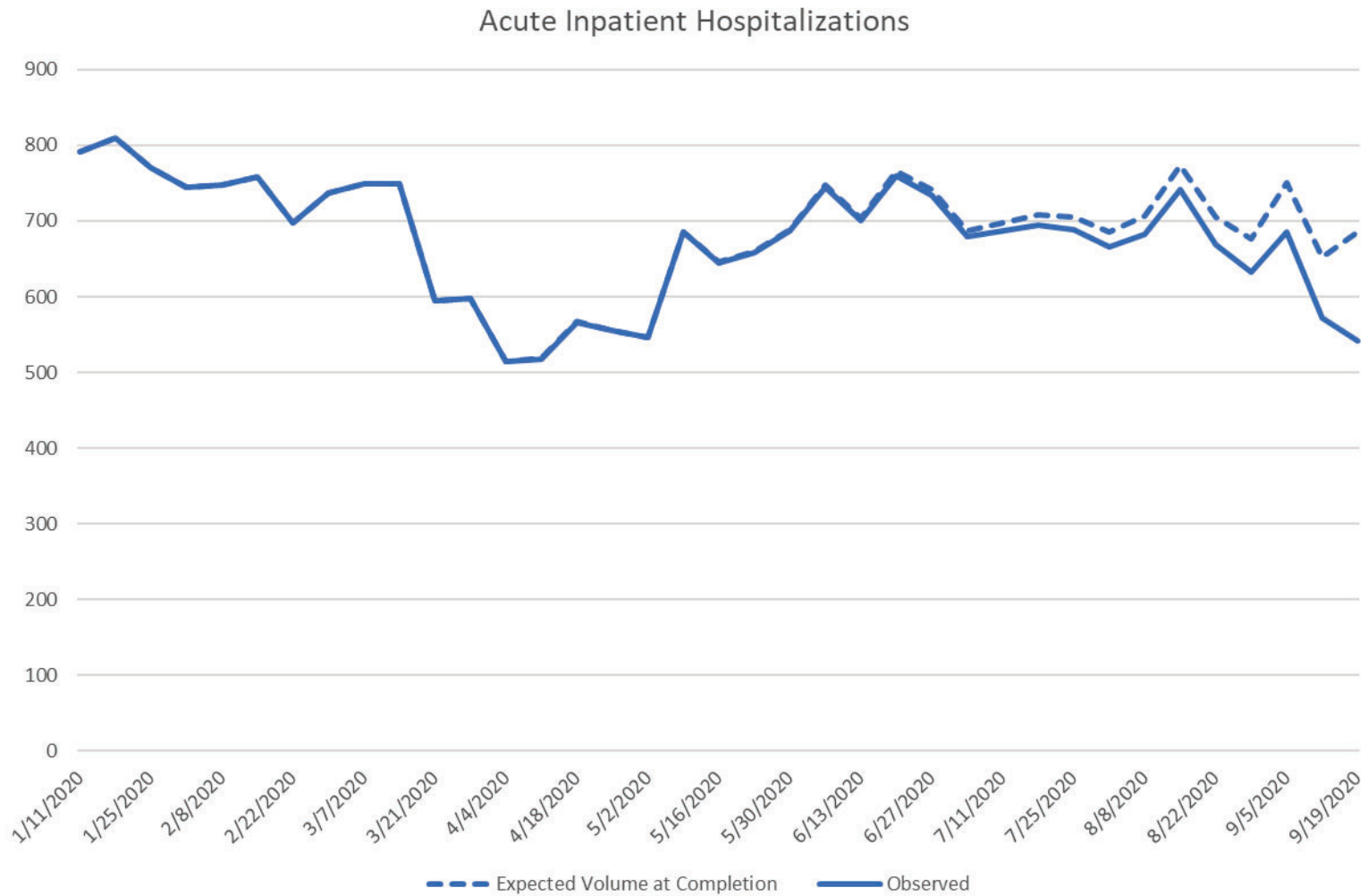
FY21 Initiatives

Initiatives involving rate changes or new services

- Implement rate changes for Sections 18 & 20 necessary for waiver renewals and corresponding services in 21 and 29
- Nursing Facilities and RCFs receive COLA, Supplemental Wage Allowance, and rebasing
- Personal Support Services rate increases & adoption of rates for evidence-based services in children's behavioral health

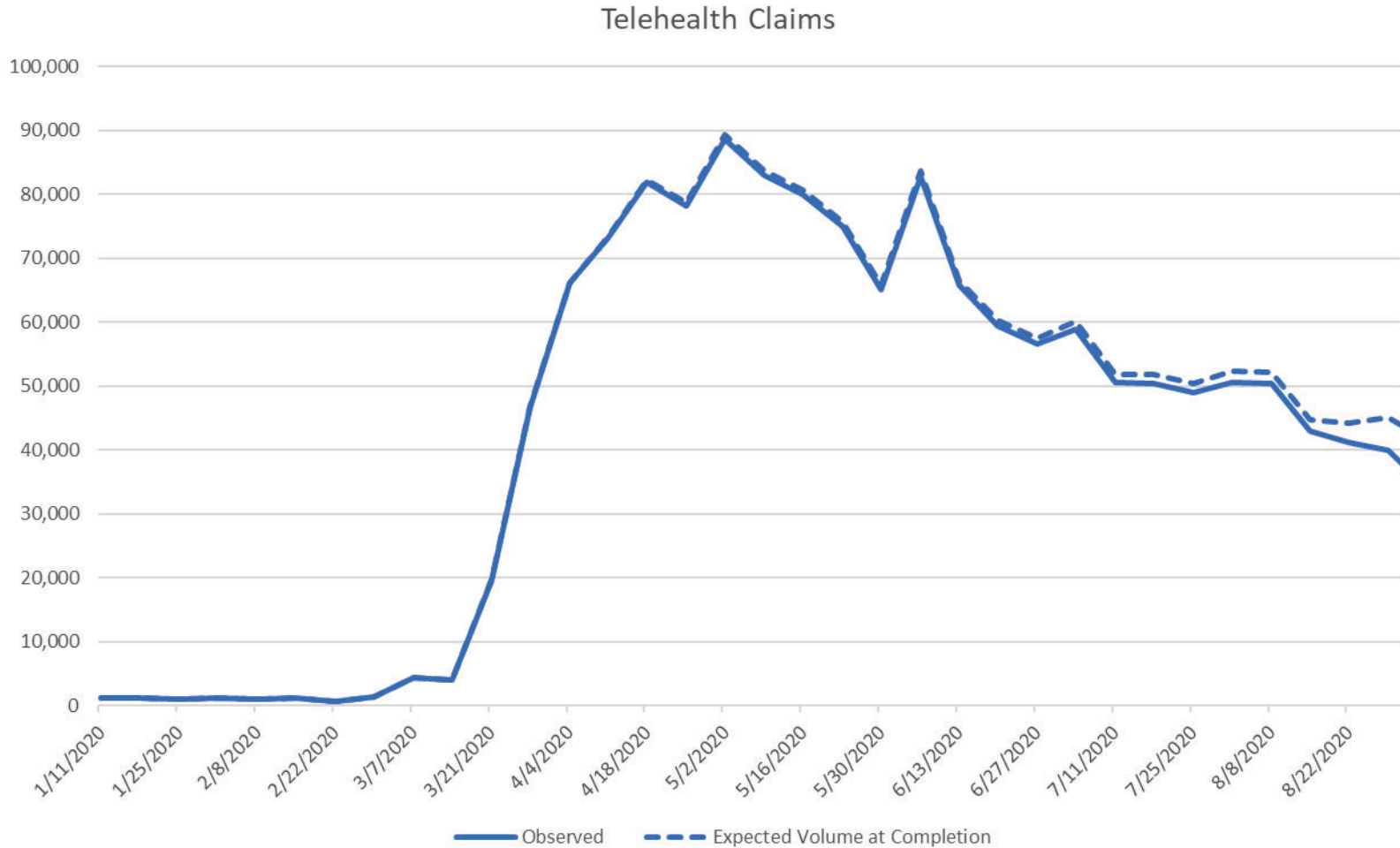
Hospital Utilization Trends

Using HealthInfoNet Electronic Health Record Data



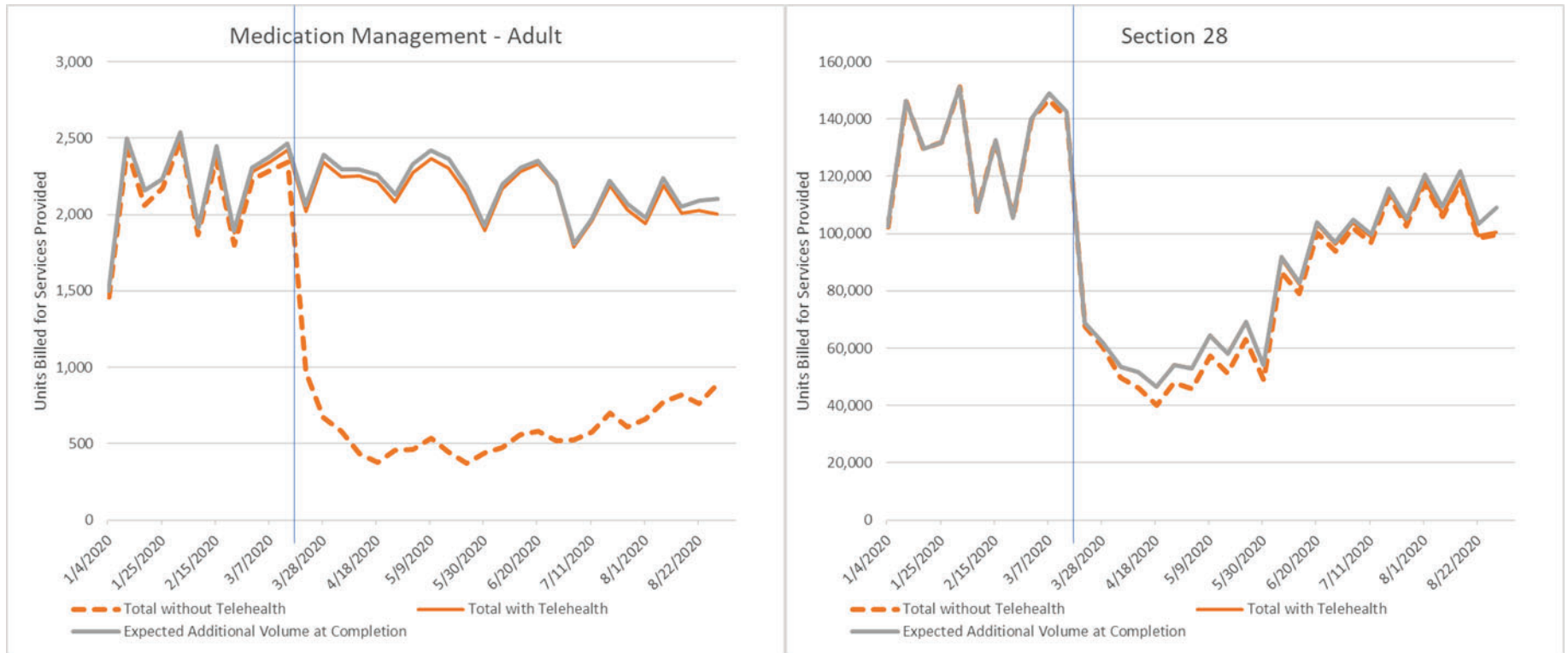
Telehealth Utilization Trend

Using MaineCare Claims w/ Telehealth Modifiers



Behavioral Health Utilization Trend Examples

Using MaineCare Claims and Telehealth Modifiers



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MaineCare Costs and Forecast

FY 2020

- End of year balance comprised of 6.2% FMAP increase, FY 2019 carrying balance, reduced utilization due to COVID-19
- Using \$100M of existing balance to help manage state budget shortfall

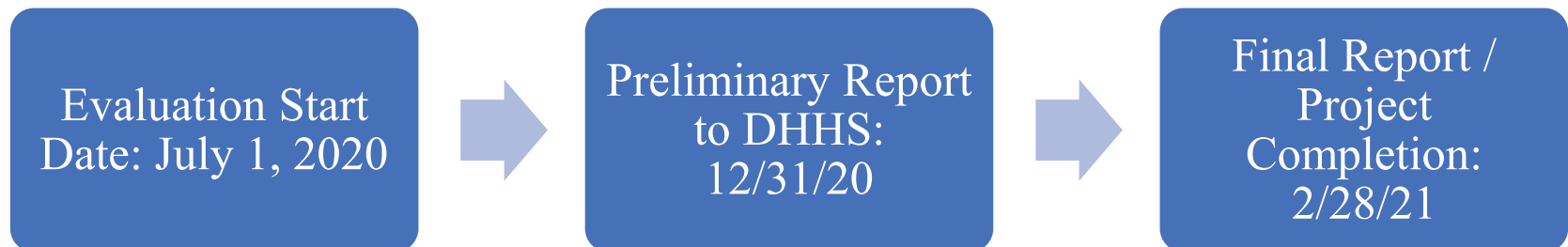
FY 2021

- Planning for considerable uncertainty and volatility in FY21
- Federally required maintenance of effort enrollment gains and worsening economy driving up enrollment and costs
- Continuation of FY21 FMAP increase (currently scheduled to expire end of Q2 FY21)
- Curtailed \$74M from current year FMAP increase to help manage state budget shortfall
- Continue to examine MaineCare rates (see following slide)

Comprehensive Rate System Evaluation

- Comparison of MaineCare's current payment rates and methods to those for other state Medicaid programs, Medicare, and private insurance
- Opportunities to introduce additional Alternative Payment Models to incent high-quality and efficient services
- Prioritization of services in need of rate assessment
- Recommendations, workplan, and cost estimate to rationalize and streamline system

TIMELINE



Resources

COVID-19 Online Resources

Maine CDC: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

- Daily data reports, testing guidelines, COVID-19 FAQs, translated materials

Maine DHHS Services: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus-resources>

- Includes translated materials about accessing DHHS programs

Daily Press Briefing livestream: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/cdc-livestream>

Behavioral Health Resources: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/samhs/coronavirus.shtml>

Office of Child and Family Services: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response.shtml>

- Child Welfare, Foster Parents, Children's Behavioral Health, and Child Care

Meeting Basic Needs: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi>

- Food Supplement/SNAP, MaineCare, TANF, Pandemic EBT, General Assistance

