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# Bridge Program Task Force: Updates & Next Steps

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# Goals for today

- Refresher on HB 4035 and Bridge Program Task Force charge
- Recap Task Force discussions and decisions to date
- Key decisions and next steps to develop program and report to Legislature
- Share phases of the project and timeline



# Creating Paths to Affordable Coverage

## OHP Renewal

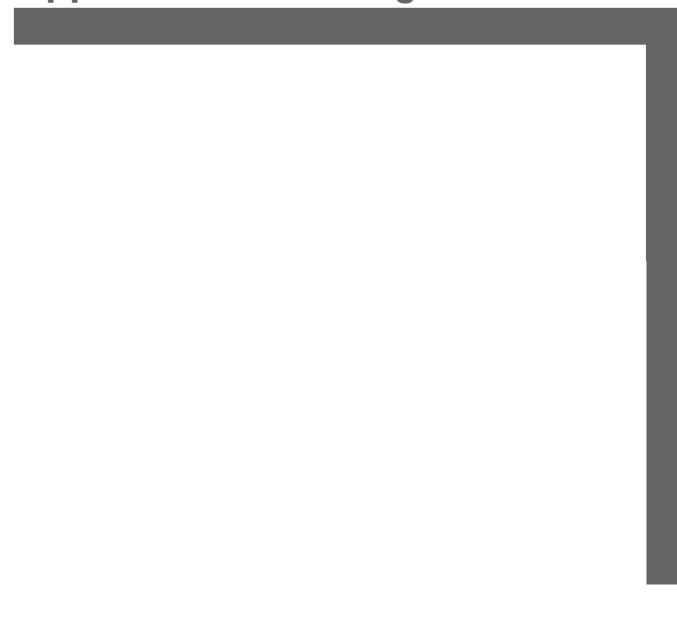


Current OHP Population:  
1.4 Million

Most – continue to be enrolled in OHP



Approx. 300k no longer enrolled in OHP



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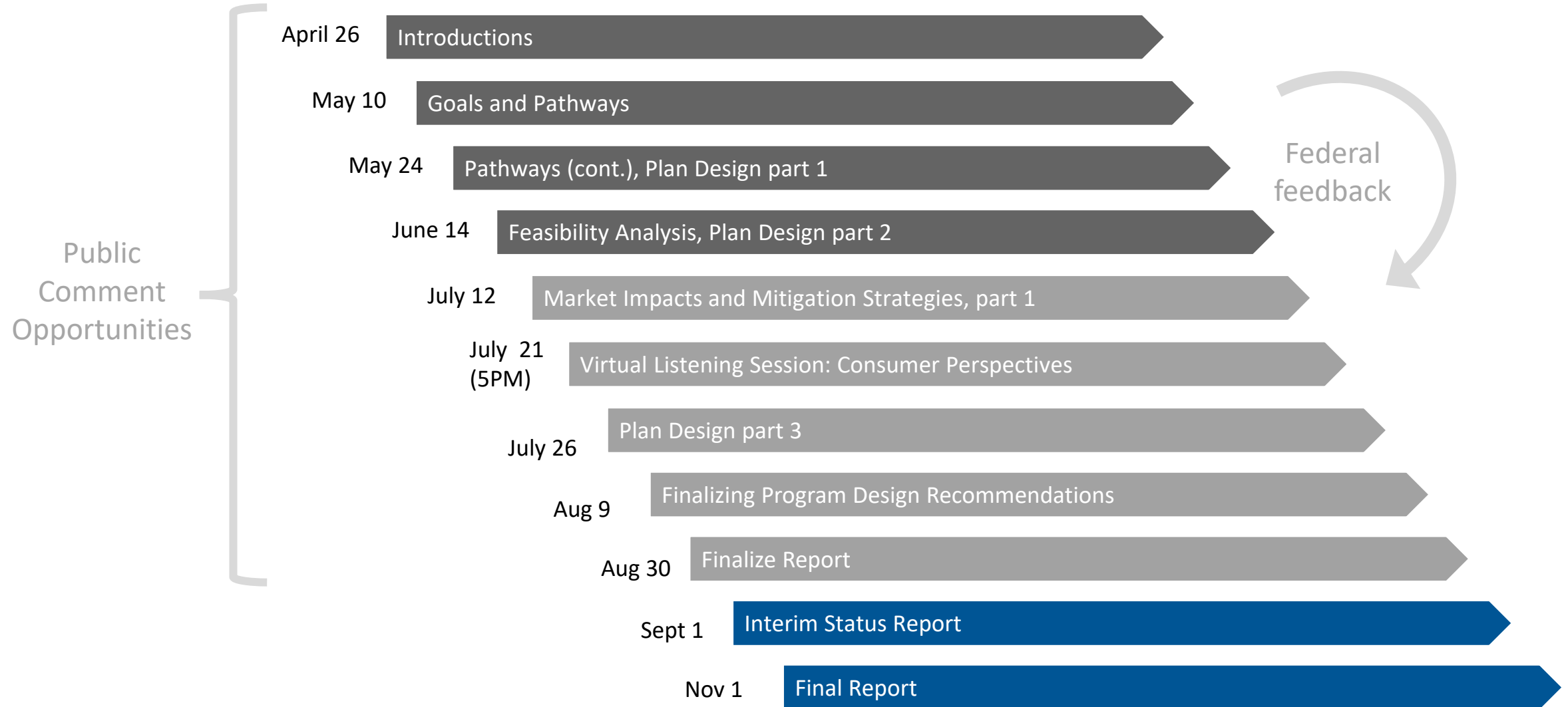
Other coverage (employer, Medicare, etc.)

# HB 4035 Direction for Bridge Program

- Prioritize health equity
- Minimize costs to enrollees
- Medicaid-like coverage through CCOs
- Consider offering choice between bridge program & marketplace plans
- Maximize federal funding
- Phased implementation
  - Phase 1: Coverage focused on people leaving Medicaid during PHE unwinding
  - Phase 2: Full implementation to 138-200% FPL population



# Where we've been



# Key decisions and discussions thus far

## Federal direction – Basic Health Program the most feasible path for federal funds

- Feasibility analysis suggests federal BHP funding would range from \$500-\$600 per member / per month, depending on whether ARPA subsidies are renewed

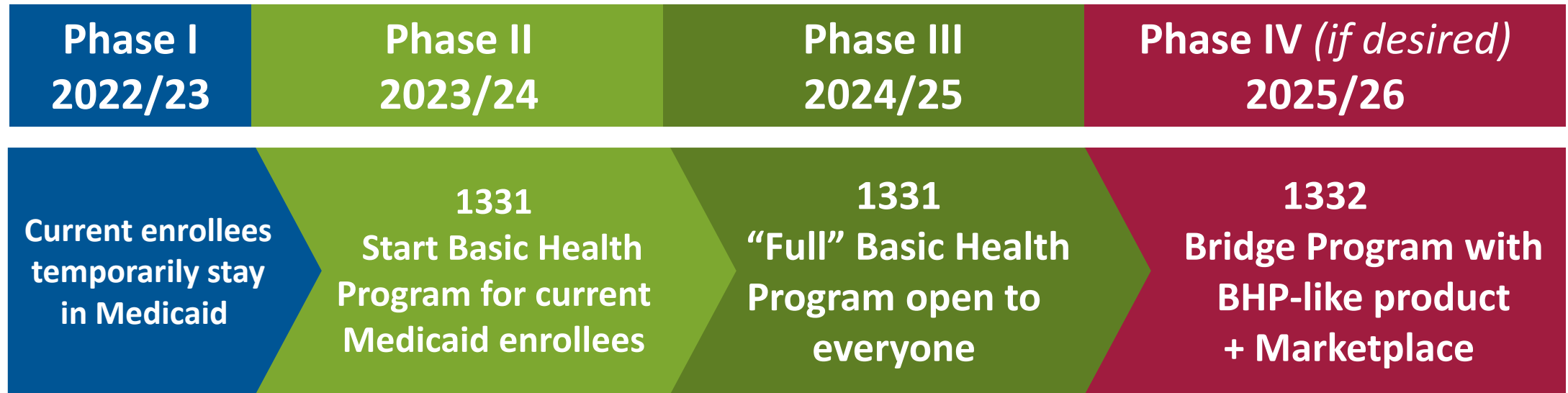
## Plan design – how to ensure program can meet vision of HB 4035?

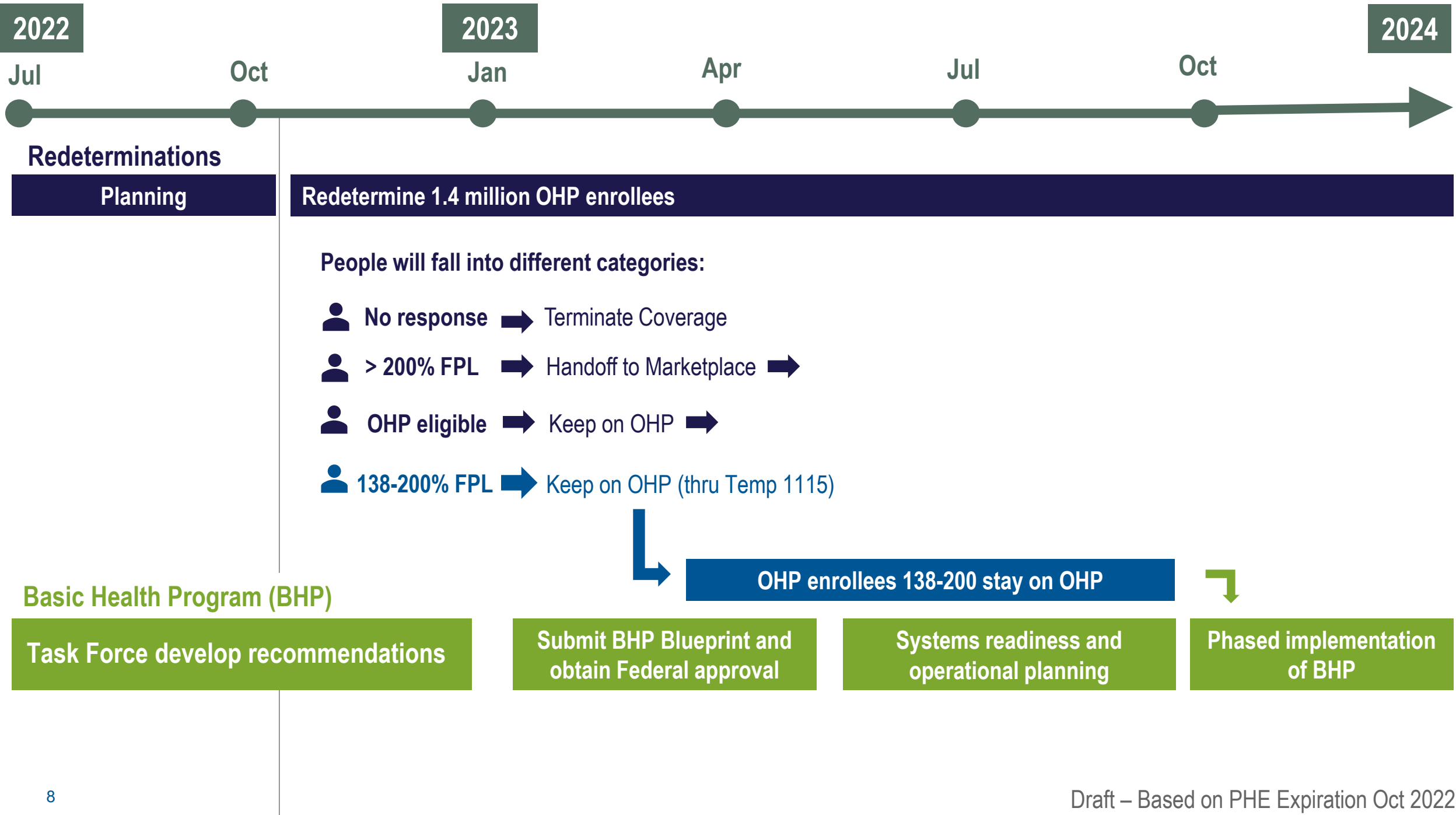
- Feasibility analysis suggests funding could support a BHP with OHP-like services, no enrollee costs, and payment rates above CCO reimbursement rates
- Task Force discussing prioritizations and strategies if modifications are needed

## What additional research is needed to strengthen confidence?

- Comparison of OHP covered services to Essential Health Benefit covered services
- Analysis of OHP population that will become eligible for the BHP
- Carrier data call & microsimulation to assess consumer behavior

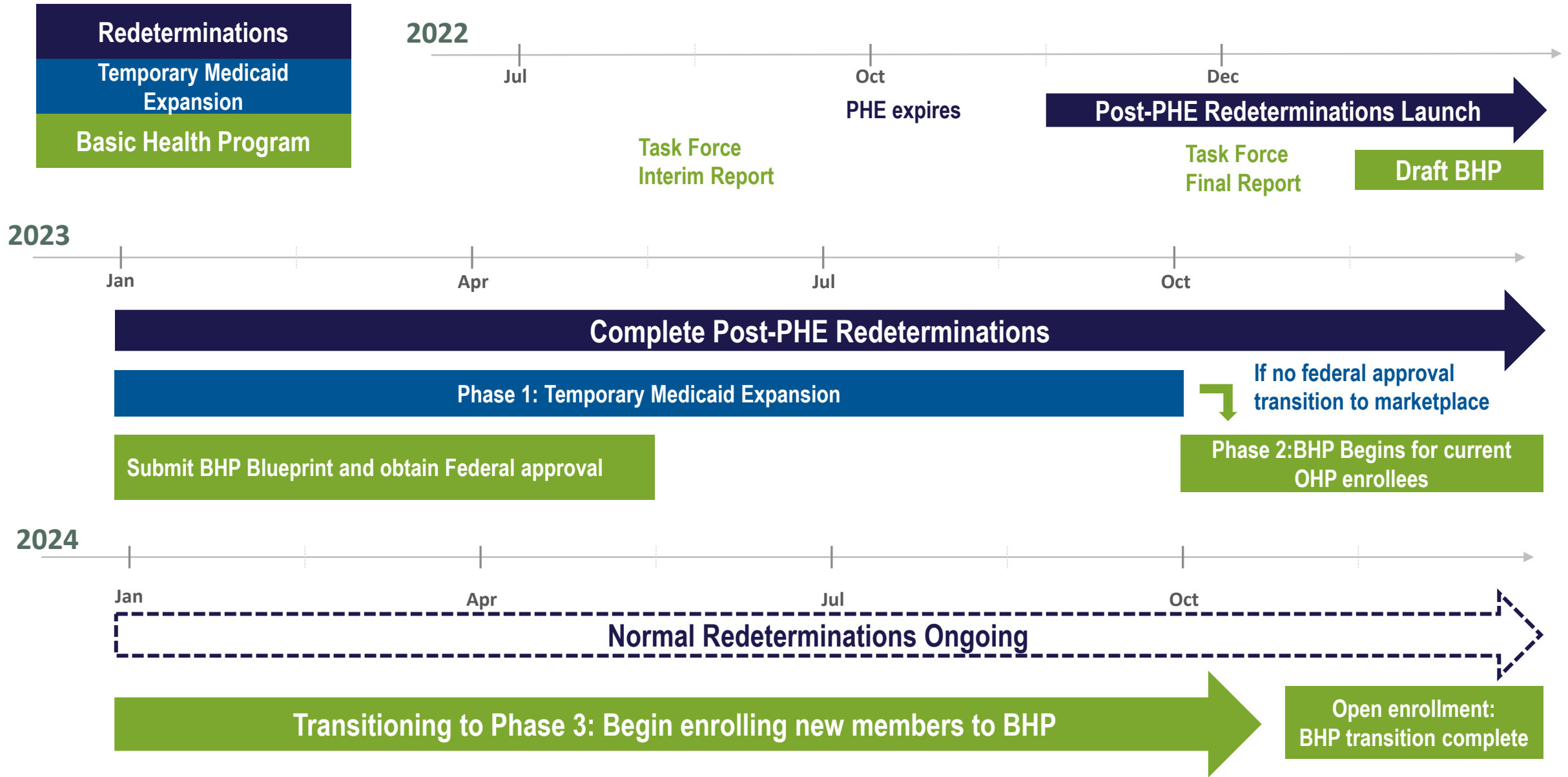
# Viable pathway to a Bridge Program for individuals 138-200% of the federal poverty level







\*Dates are approximations based on 7/15/22 federal PHE declaration and may change with subsequent PHE renewals and/or CMS or HHS direction.



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