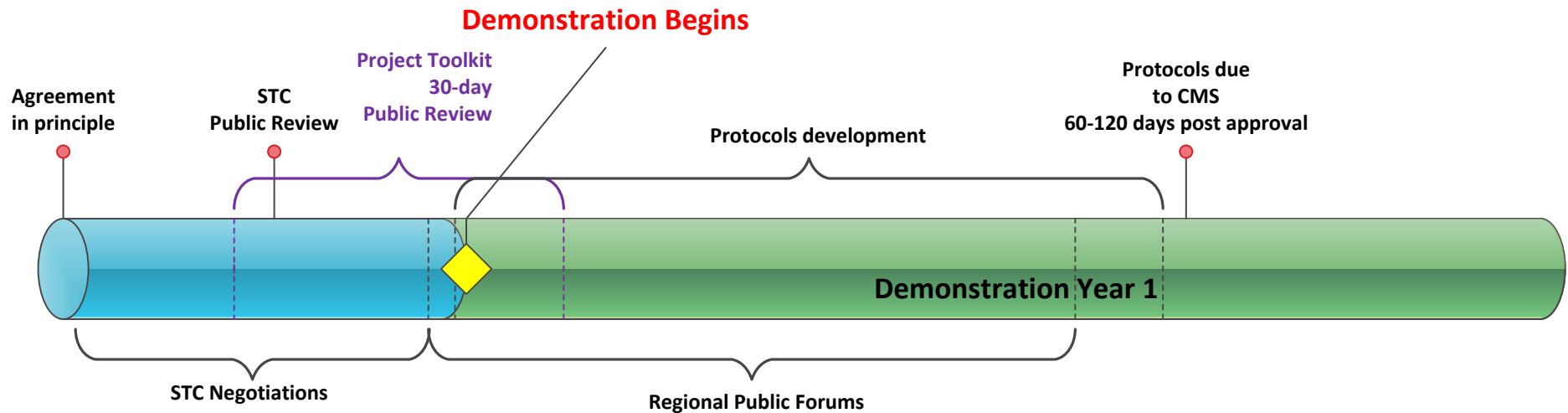


Pre-Implementation Activities for the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration



Terms we use

Agreement in Principle: an initial agreement between the state and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on the core elements of the state’s proposed Medicaid Transformation demonstration. This includes agreement on the level of federal investment, the non-federal share, and budget neutrality. It signifies a commitment from both sides in anticipation of a final, formal agreement.

Medicaid Transformation Demonstration: Initially referred to as the 1115 waiver demonstration, this term refers to the overall work by the state to test new and innovative approaches to providing health coverage and care in the state’s Medicaid program. It includes three initiatives designed to strategically support transformation, including transformation projects, long-term services and supports, supportive housing and supported employment.

Special Terms and Conditions (STC): The terms and conditions are the provisions of the contract that are negotiated between the state and CMS for the approval of a section 1115 demonstration, entitled “Medicaid Transformation Project.”

Project Toolkit: Guidance document that includes the strategies and projects for use by the Accountable Communities of Health and participating providers to develop regional project plans for delivery system reform activities. The range of projects address health systems capacity; care delivery redesign; and prevention & health promotion. These projects are eligible for incentive-based funding through initiative 1 of the Medicaid Transformation demonstration.

Protocols: Special Terms and Conditions will require the state to provide additional programmatic details and funding mechanics for the demonstration. These protocols often include details on incentive payment valuation strategies, funding and reimbursement methodologies and transformation project metrics and milestones. Protocols are due to CMS after approval of STCs. The due date for the protocols is determined by CMS.

Demonstration Year: This is a 5-year demonstration. Demonstration year 1 begins the day the STCs are signed unless otherwise indicated by CMS in the approval letter.

For details, including fact sheets and FAQs go to: www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/medicaid-transformation