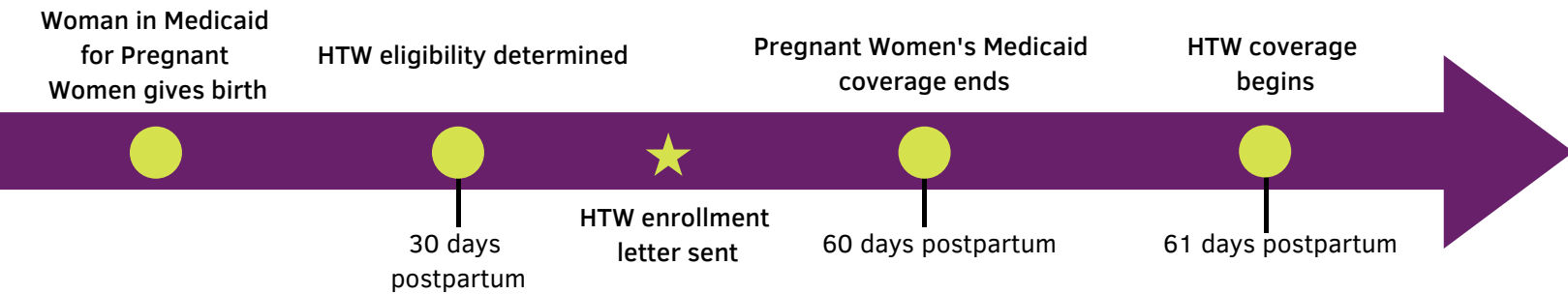


Healthy Texas Women Auto-enrollment

CURRENT AUTO-ENROLLMENT PROCESS



The state has the opportunity to use the current auto-enrollment process to reach 19 year olds aging out of Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Expanding auto enrollment would:

Improve Continuity of Care

- Reduces barriers to preventive healthcare access by removing burden of re-applying for new program.
- Leads to better birth spacing, greater access to prenatal care, and healthier moms and babies.



Help Reduce Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Rates

- Seventy percent of teen births are to older teens –18-19 year olds.¹
- Forty-two percent of all pregnancies are unplanned.²
- Automating enrollment into HTW would improve access to family planning services, counseling, and contraception.

Result in Cost Savings³

- HHSC estimates the state would save \$58.7 million in general revenue over five years by auto-enrolling women aging out of Children's Medicaid and CHIP into HTW.
- The bulk of savings would be through the estimated 11,275 averted births that could be realized through improving continuity of care and access to family planning services.



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