



# Navigating Complexity

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How to Simplify Government Program Adoption

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# Housekeeping

What you need to know



## Chat

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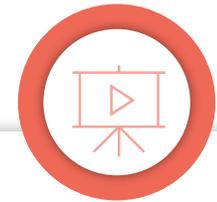
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## Questions

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## Presentation

The slide deck & recording will be sent in a follow-up email.

# Today's Speaker

## Jeff Tzucker

Manager, Granicus Experience Group

- With Granicus since 2019
- 20+ years of experience in digital, design, marketing, and comms



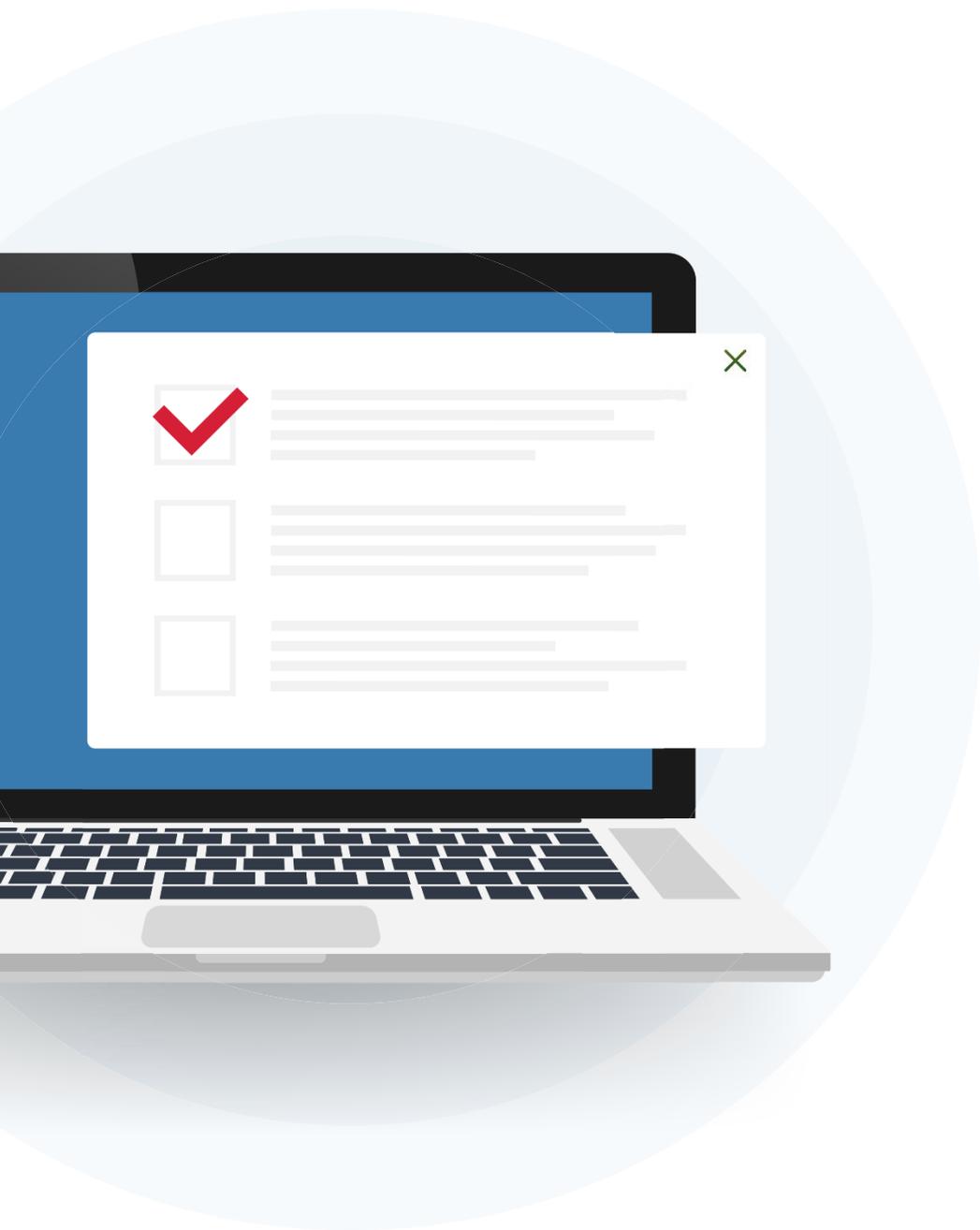


# Agenda

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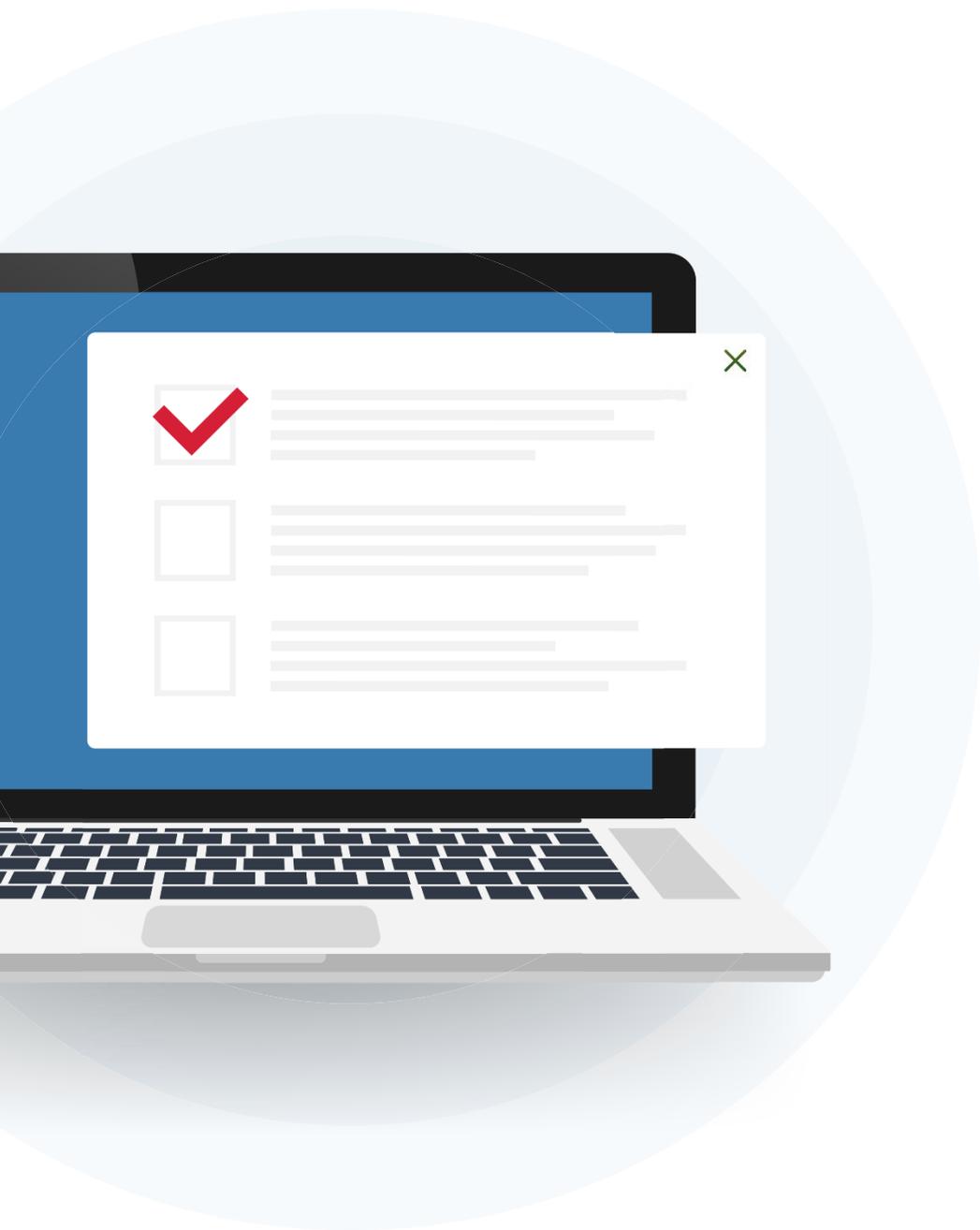
*Navigating Complexity: How to Simplify Government Program Adoption*

- Intro and Quick Poll
- Considerations
- Four Phases of Communications
- 8 Barriers to Digital Service Adoption
- Questions and Discussion



## **Poll: What are your biggest challenges when it comes to driving program enrollment?**

1. Lack of staff to execute workload
2. Lack of technological capabilities
3. Unclear communications on steps/process
4. Other (share in chat)



## **Poll: What do constituents perceive as your agency's barriers to driving enrollment?**

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Communications as Customer Experience:

# Drive Program Awareness, Adoption & Impact

Our lessons learned from managing millions of journeys for Granicus customers:

1. Raise awareness, build trust, and increase participation of programs
2. Proactively journey map the customer experience to nurture interest and drive participation
3. Provide measurable results that show agency value and CX engagement



HealthCare.gov



HCS

Medicare.gov

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Washington State Health Care Authority

# Navigating Complexity

## *Four Things to Consider*

- 1. Understand Current State.** Put yourself in the shoes of your enrollees. What are they experiencing? Map it out, identifying enrollee pain points to establish quick wins.
- 2. Review Frequent Questions.** Review call center questions and talk to case managers to understand where residents are struggling. Provide proactive resources to reduce calls, walk-ins, and other resource-intensive support.
- 3. Reframe Comms as Customer Experience.** Move beyond driving comms-drive awareness to considering the full journey, using communications at each touchpoint to guide a process.
- 4. Automate.** Identify operational pain points or bottlenecks where adding an automated channel like email/SMS drip campaigns could relieve staff and help enrollees.

# Child Care Enrollment

Goal: Provide proactive document assistance to improve enrollment completion without additional assistance.



- + Eligibility criteria
- + What documents you will need
- + How to apply
- + Benefits of program

- GATHER DOCUMENTS (211)**
- List of required documents
  - Gather your documents
  - Don't miss chance for vouchers

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**  
**Text "DOCS" to 555-555-1212**

- + Maximize time with childcare providers
- + How to spot a quality provider
- + What to do if you're not happy with your provider
- + Child wellness

- RENEWAL**
- It's time to renew (45 days out)
  - Reminder to renew now (15 days out)
  - Tell us how it went

|          |                  |                               |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| CRITERIA | "Partial" Status | Current enrollees, Time-based |
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| TECH | govD, Two-way SMS | TMS |
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## Management & Engagement



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Digital communication channels are critical for advancing the maturity of service delivery experience.

We can **remind, respond, and remember customers by understanding the customer's journey after they have interacted with government.** This creates enduring trust that will help keep people engaged, interested, or accessible in times of emergency.

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**Michael**  
Student

**Goals**

- Keep up to date with the research that's happening in my field
- Find, apply for, and win grant and funding opportunities
- Progress in my career – break big story and make my name known

**JOURNEY MAP  
EXAMPLE**

**Awareness**

**Consideration**

**Decision**

**Management**

**Advocacy**

**QUESTIONS**

- What research opportunities are available in my field?
- What can I do to progress my research career?

- What do these ACME funding opportunities offer?
- Are any of these opportunities right for me and my career ambitions?

- How do I complete this application?
- What makes a good application?
- Who won the grant and why?

- How do I publicize my research findings?
- What new ACME grant opportunities are available?

- Who else in my field and my university could benefit from these ACME funding opportunities?
- How do I share my ACME story to inspire others?

**ACTIONS**

- Reads department emails
- Talks with supervisor, colleagues, grant office
- Googles for research funding opportunities

- Visits ACME website and reads grant details
- Identifies a grant that may be a good fit
- Discusses opportunity with supervisor

- Works with supervisor and grant office to complete grant
- Submits grant
- Awaits feedback

- Shares research findings with university
- Explores new ACME grant opportunities
- Routinely reads ACME emails

- Emails appropriate grant opportunities to colleagues
- Shares ACME research emails with colleagues
- Advocates for ACME in department and field

**INSIGHTS**

- Key conduit to early career researchers are established researchers working as supervisors and university grant office staff

- Detailed segmentation will allow more targeted funding opportunity emails
- Funding opportunity emails need to explain why the opp is available, who it's right for, and how to apply

- Create "proposal communities" to provide updates to all applicants of an opportunity at once

- Researchers don't always publicize their findings, share them with ACME, or will deprecate ACME's involvement. ACME must incentivize them to share their findings directly with ACME.

- Turn researchers into ACME advocates who routinely apply for funding, conduct research, publicize their research, and represent ACME across their field.



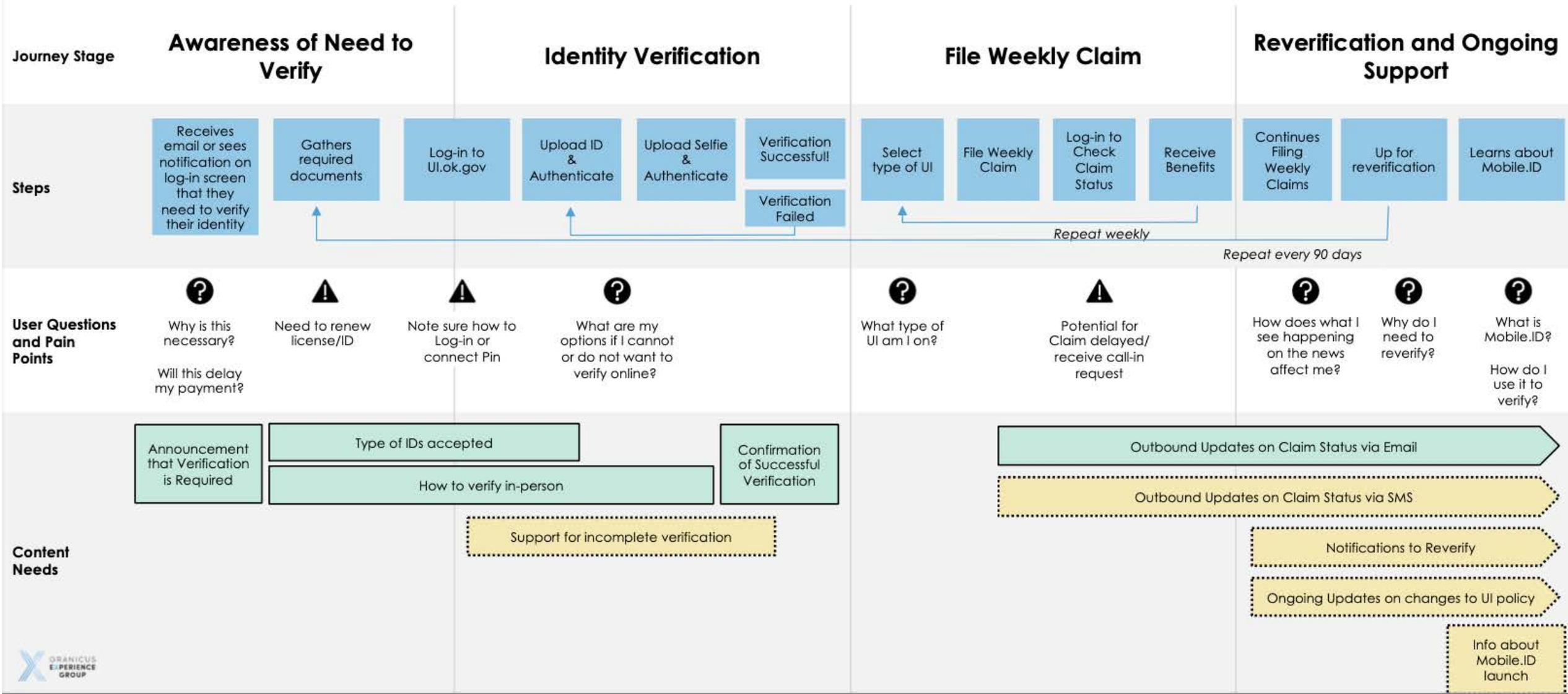
# FUTURE STATE USER JOURNEY

## Resident Currently Receiving Benefits

KEY SERVICE JOURNEY MAP

Existing or Planned Content

Recommended New Content



# 8 Barriers to Digital Service Adoption

## KEY STEPS IN ENROLLMENT PROCESSES

### STEP 1. CREATING ACCOUNT

**X**

#### **STEP FAILED:**

*People don't create accounts*

### STEP 2. LOGIN

**X**

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### STEP 3. COMPARISON

**X**

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### STEP 4. STARTING APPLICATION

**X**

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*People don't start application*

### STEP 5. NAVIGATING REQUIREMENTS

**X**

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*People don't complete applications*

### STEP 6. GATHERING DOCS AND INFO

**X**

#### **STEP FAILED:**

*People drop off in the middle of the application*

### STEP 7. SUBMISSION (SUCCESS)

**X**

#### **STEP FAILED:**

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### STEP 8. ENROLLMENT (RESULTS)

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| <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Poor / overwhelming UX</li><li>2. Poorly timed actions</li><li>3. Unapproachable requirements</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Login messaging does not drive urgency</li><li>2. Unclear benefits</li><li>3. Failed login-password reset</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Socio-economic experiences</li><li>2. No incentive to take initiative</li><li>3. Information is intimidating, complex</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No urgency, incentive</li><li>2. Access to technology</li><li>3. Can't make decision</li></ol> |

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Welcome! Let's get you covered

Thank you for taking the first step toward getting health coverage!

Open Enrollment is over but you may be able to get covered if you qualify for a Special Enrollment

Get Started

[Find out if you qualify.](#)

We'll be in touch soon! We're here to help and we'll send you reminders before important dates so you don't miss a deadline.

## Proactive messaging at each moment that matters in a complex process

- Guide the journey
- Alleviate anxiety
- Communicate to empathize

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| <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Process is too long, can't finish</li><li>2. Remembering so user can save and return</li><li>3. Requirements intimidating (gov docs)</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Time: Returning people forget</li><li>2. Third party APIs, other agencies</li><li>3. System is not intuitive, difficult to continue</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tech unclear about final submission</li><li>2. Outreach, no confirmation</li><li>3. Lack of trust in process</li></ol> | <p><b>Consider:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Problem or change during eligibility</li><li>2. Data is not managed after submission</li><li>3. Understanding 'what's next'</li></ol> |

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### STEP 5. NAVIGATING REQUIREMENTS

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**STEP FAILED:**

People do not understand requirements or application process

### STEP 6. GATHERING DOCS AND INFO

X

**STEP FAILED:**

People struggle to find and upload required documents and information

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Your premium is due today

**Urgent:** If you haven't already done so, you have just hours left to pay your premium directly to your insurance company or risk losing coverage.

Log in to your  account, select your application and then click the 'Pay Your Premium' button.

Log In

If you're having trouble making your payment, contact your insurance company right away.

**Remember:** Today is the last day to pay your premium to ensure you have coverage.

If you've already paid your premium, click [here](#) to stop receiving premium payment reminders.

## Expand workforce capacity

- Channel shift
- Call center deflection
- Increased automation

# CX and Performance Metrics

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*An idea of a place to start*

- Have you increased the number of applicants and by how much?
- Was there a change in the percentage of applicants completing an enrollment? By how much?
- Was call volume reduced and by how much? How many hours have you saved by reducing the call volume?
- What are your open and click rates for the new communications? Website traffic?
- Measure sentiment by regularly gathering feedback.



# Questions and Discussion

# Thank You

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