

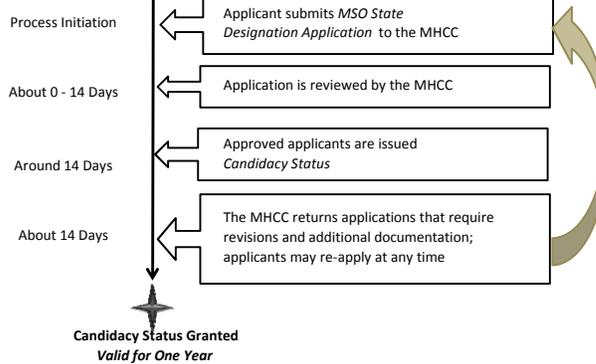
## Management Service Organization State Designation Timeline

The following timeline illustrates the process for achieving Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) Management Service Organization (MSO) Candidacy Status and State Designation, Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC) accreditation, and Maryland Regional Extension Center (REC) participation. MSO State Designation and EHNAC accreditation are valid for a two year period.

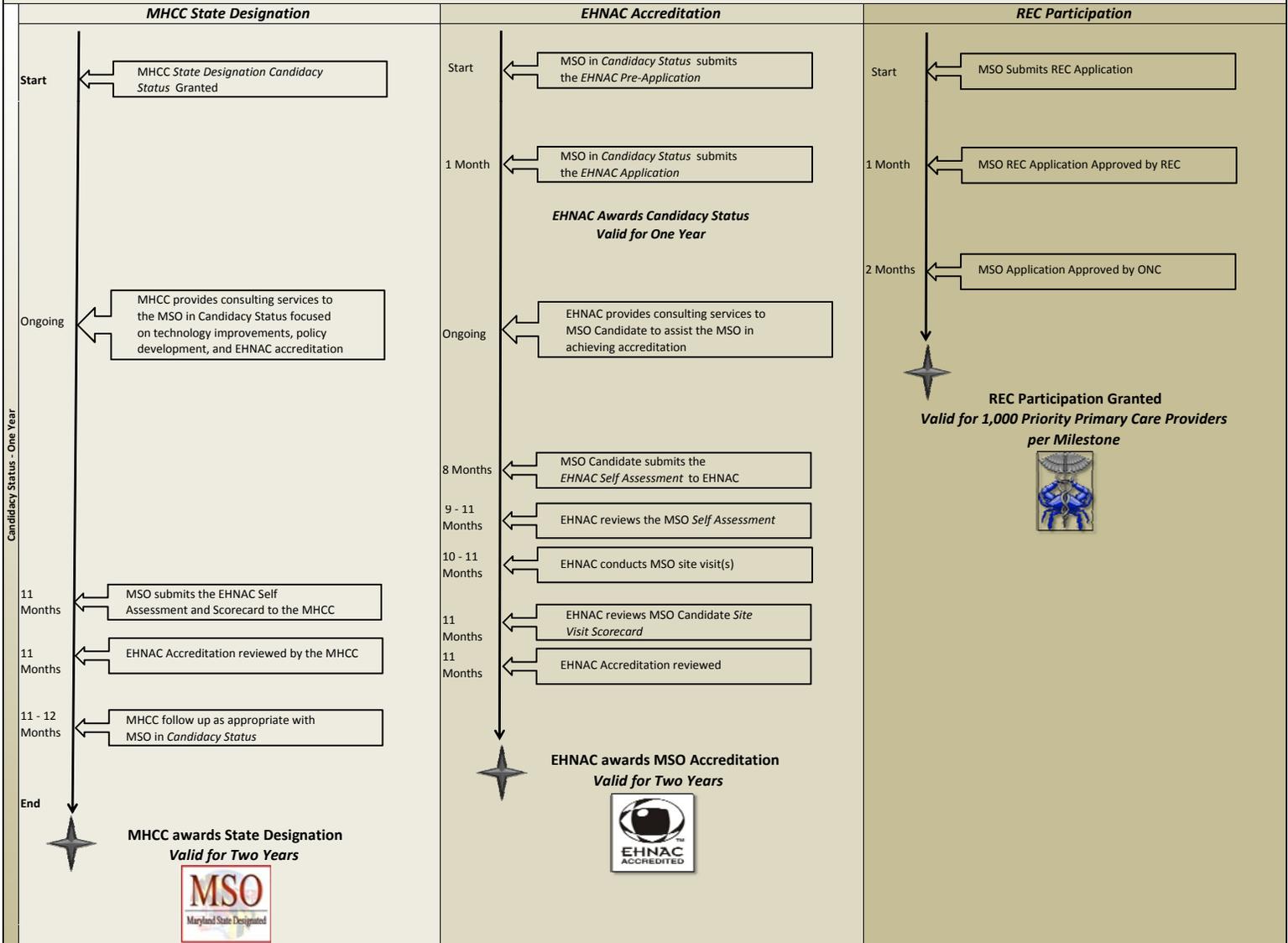
MSOs offer electronic health records (EHRs) hosted in a centralized secure data center. MSOs in candidacy status have one year to obtain national accreditation by EHNAC. MSOs must demonstrate compliance with around 90 criteria related to privacy, technical performance, business practices, resources, and security to receive State Designation.

The Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) is Maryland's state designated statewide health information exchange. CRISP has also been named Maryland's REC. The REC was established to provide technical assistance to providers related to EHR adoption and implementation. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) funded the REC through a grant that provides subsidies to the MSOs for helping providers achieve three milestones: signing up a provider to the MSO; implementing select functionalities of the EHR; and meeting meaningful use requirements. The ONC established a goal for the REC to assist 1,000 priority primary care providers in adopting and becoming meaningful users of EHRs.

### Steps to MHCC State Designation - Candidacy Status



### Steps to MHCC MSO State Designation Concurrent Processes



1. *Meaningful Use* refers to a set of criteria that medical providers must meet to demonstrate they are using their EHR as an effective tool in their practice.