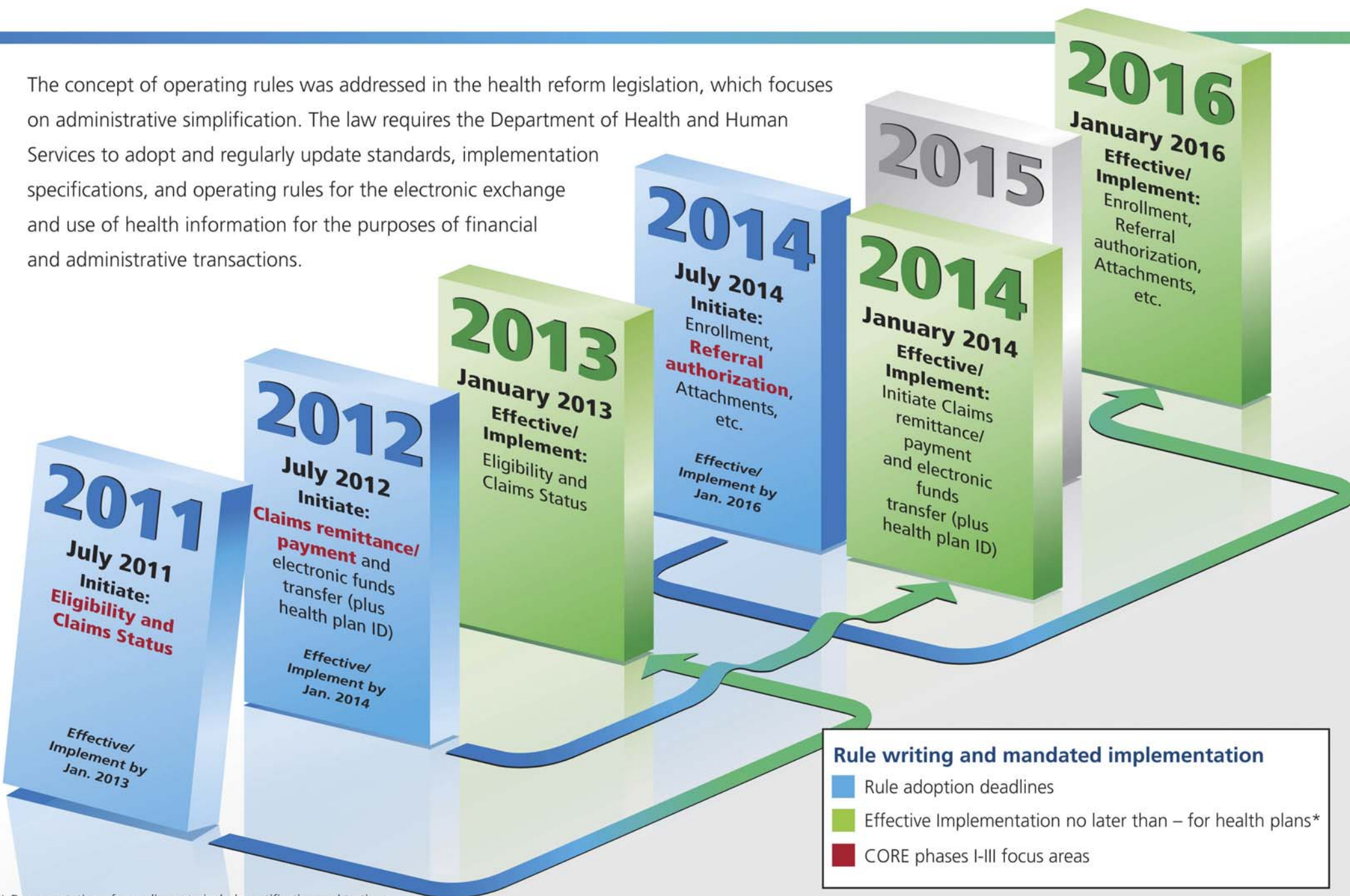


Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The concept of operating rules was addressed in the health reform legislation, which focuses on administrative simplification. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and regularly update standards, implementation specifications, and operating rules for the electronic exchange and use of health information for the purposes of financial and administrative transactions.



* Documentation of compliance to include certification and testing.