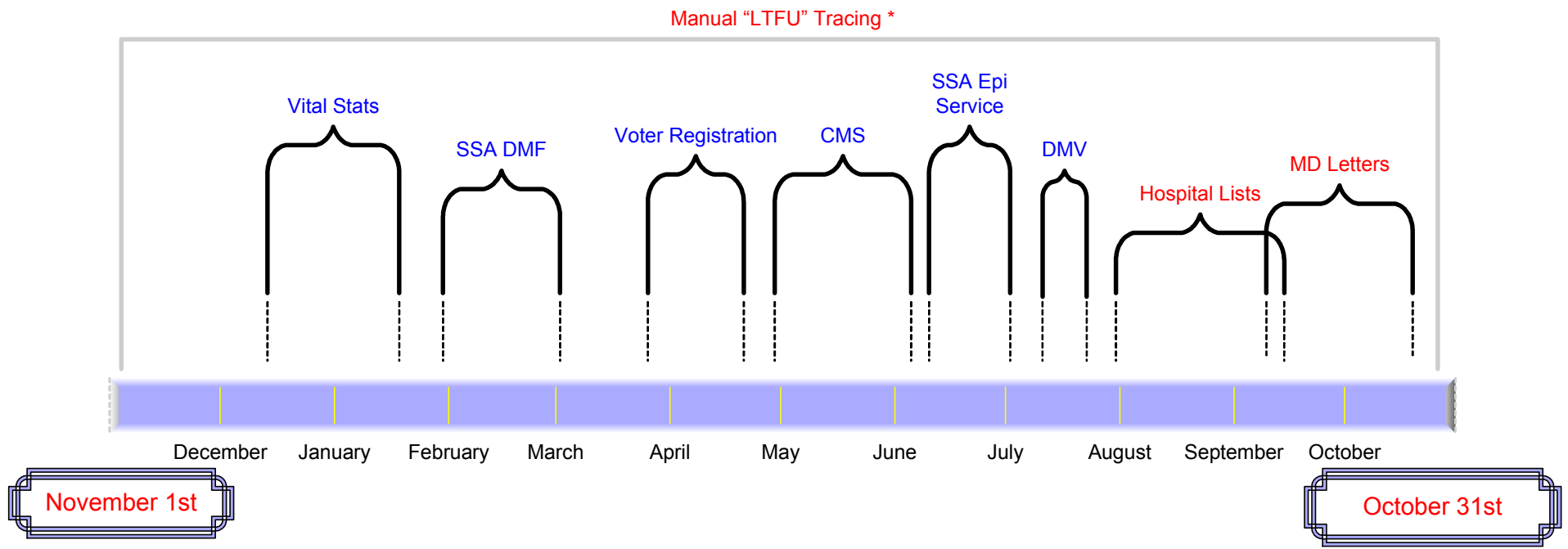


Follow-up Timeline

A major key to an effective follow-up effort for large, population based Cancer Registries is effective scheduling of all activities, both Passive and Active, to minimize costs associated with the purchase of linkage services and database resources, as well as personnel expenses required to conduct active follow-up. For example, it would be unwise to pay for an expensive data linkage, such as CMS linkage, before you did the very low cost (and productive) vital statistics linkage. Similarly, it would not be a good to generate the labor intensive MD letters before you exhausted all of the high yielding, passive sources first.

The timeline below is loosely based on past experience in the Los Angeles Cancer Surveillance Program. Dates are based on the SEER guidelines for data submission. Any date can be used as a 'cutoff' – November 1st is used in this example.

Passive follow-up resources are labeled in **BLUE**. Active follow-up activities are labeled in **RED**.
For description of the Passive follow-up resources, see the document CSPFollowUpResources.pdf (on this website).



* Manual "LTFU" Tracing - Active tracing on Lost to Follow-up cases is an ongoing activity.