

#### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**

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## **Webinar Agenda**

- What is Help On Demand?
- Participate in Help On Demand
- Register for Help On Demand
- Update Your Help On Demand Profile
- Working with Consumers Using Help On Demand
- Best Practices
- Help On Demand Resources



### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**



What is Help On Demand?

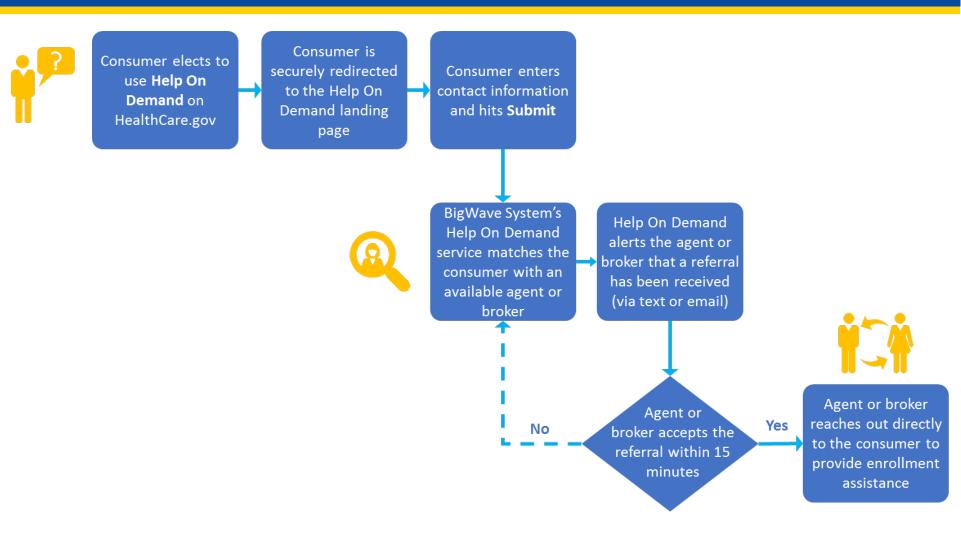
# What is Help On Demand?

Help On Demand is a real-time consumer assistance referral system that connects individuals with Marketplace-registered, licensed agents and brokers in their area who can provide immediate assistance with Marketplace plan selection and enrollment.

The Help On Demand technology is hosted by BigWave Systems.

As an agent or broker, you must complete Marketplace training and registration for PY 2019 to be eligible to participate in Help On Demand. You must also be licensed and hold a valid health line of authority in the state(s) where you are assisting consumers with enrollment in Marketplace plans.

### **How Does It Work?**



# **Benefits of Help On Demand**

Consumers can connect quickly with agents and brokers near them. Consumers who request assistance through Help On Demand are matched with an agent or broker who generally accepts their request for assistance in less than 15 minutes.

**Agents and brokers can maintain a flexible schedule.** Agents and brokers can set standard operating hours on Help On Demand, or sign on whenever they are available to help consumers, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Agents and brokers can avoid unnecessary costs.** Unlike other industry systems, Help On Demand is provided to consumers and agents and brokers at no cost.

# **Improvements for Plan Year 2019**

- The Help On Demand system was first available for consumers in the fall of 2017.
- Approximately 5,300 agents and brokers participated during the last Open Enrollment period.
- CMS feedback from these early users led to improvements to the end-user experience for PY 2019:
  - More actively highlight Help On Demand to consumers on HealthCare.gov
  - Implement technical enhancements to improve functionality for agents and brokers
  - Provide enhanced training and resources to maximize agent and broker participation



**62%** of agents and brokers felt that Help On Demand helped them maximize enrollments during PY 2018



**89%** of agents and brokers are likely to participate in Help On Demand for PY 2019

# **Agent and Broker Testimonials**



I absolutely love Help on Demand. Customers love the personalized service, I love the new leads and business, and most leads that I have had, I would say 90% lead to me helping them with their HealthCare.gov application.

It was easy to use and I was able to expand my reach to help others that would not have found me otherwise.

The program was very helpful and I hope to continue my participation. THANK YOU.

This is a great option for the consumer and the agent. They need help and I can provide it.

I believe that the system will only get better and I think it had a great start.

IT IS OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED!!!!!!!!



#### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**

Participate in Help On Demand



# Get Ready to Participate in Help On Demand

#### In order to participate in Help On Demand, you must:

- Complete Marketplace registration and training for PY 2019 at <a href="https://portal.cms.gov">https://portal.cms.gov</a>.
- Ensure you have an active state license and health line of authority for the state(s) where you plan to offer assistance with enrollment in Marketplace plans.
- Confirm that your National Producer Number (NPN) is listed on the Agent and Broker FFM Registration Completion List for PY 2019 at: <a href="https://data.healthcare.gov/ffm">https://data.healthcare.gov/ffm</a> ab registration lists.
- You also can elect to display your contact information in your Marketplace Learning Management System (MLMS) profile. If you select "I don't want my contact information displayed and do not want to participate in Find Local Help or Help On Demand," you will NOT be able to participate in Find Local Help or Help On Demand until you update your settings in the MLMS.

# **Complete Help On Demand Training**

Once you register with the Marketplace and complete the required training for PY 2019, you will be ready to complete training for Help On Demand!

#### Simply complete these three steps:

- Complete the required, self-paced Help On Demand training at <a href="http://training-help-on-demand.ardx.us/">http://training-help-on-demand.ardx.us/</a>.
- Certify your completion by filling out and submitting the last slide of the training with your:
  - o Name
  - Email address (be sure to use the same email address you used to set up your MLMS profile)
  - o NPN
- After you complete training, you will receive an email from BigWave Systems to activate your Help On Demand account.

Note: If you actively participated in Help On Demand during PY 2018, you are not required to retake Help On Demand training. Your account is active and will remain active as long as you complete PY 2019 Marketplace training and registration with CMS.

# **Activate Your Help On Demand Account**

After you have successfully completed training, you must register with Help On Demand, which is powered by BigWave Systems.

- BigWave Systems will send you an email invitation from noreply@bigwavesystems.com to the email address listed in your MLMS profile.
- This email will contain a unique link you can use to activate your Help On Demand account.
  - The link expires after 48-hours, so be sure to act fast!
  - If you did not receive an email invitation after completing the Help On Demand training, check your spam folder to make sure it was not filtered by your email provider.
- Select the link provided in the email to activate your account and follow the instructions to begin your registration.

Note: If you actively participated in Help On Demand during PY 2018, you do not need to reactivate your Help on Demand account. Your account is active and will remain active as long as you complete PY 2019 Marketplace training and registration with CMS.



#### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**

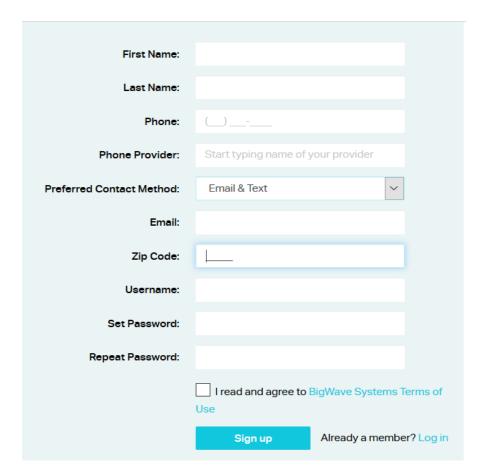


Register for Help On Demand

# Register for Help On Demand

Once you receive access to Help On Demand, you will need to complete the registration page.

Once you have entered your information, review the BigWave Systems Terms of Use and select Sign-Up.



# Register for Help On Demand

- Setting your Preferred Contact Method is an important step. It determines how you will receive referral notifications from Help On Demand.
- There are three (3) options:
  - o Email & Text
  - Email & App Notification
  - o Email Only
- Due to the fast-paced nature of Help On Demand, you are strongly encouraged to receive text messages or app notifications in addition to emails. Receiving notifications via email only can cause delays and lost referrals.

# Register for Help On Demand

BigWave Systems will display a notification that your registration is complete.

You will also receive an email confirming your access to BigWave Systems.

Be sure to save this email, which contains the link to log into BigWave Systems: <a href="https://www.bigwavesystems.com">www.bigwavesystems.com</a>.

# Your registration is almost complete!

Thank you for registering with BigWave Systems.

In order to begin accepting Referrals, log into www.BigWaveSystems.com to read and accept the terms of use.

If you have selected to receive text message notifications from BigWave Systems, a test text message was sent to the phone number you provided during registration. Please double check that you have received the text message.

Next, select the appropriate mobile platform to download the BigWave Systems mobile application. Otherwise select the "Login and Continue" option.

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Android

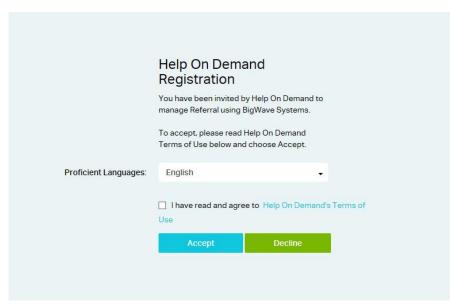
Login and Continue

# Log into Help On Demand

Log into Help On Demand through the BigWave Systems website, www.bigwavesystems.com, with your username and password.

	Log in					
Username:						
Password:						
	Forgot Username?	Forgot password?				
	Remember my username					
	Log in					

# **Accept Help On Demand Terms of Use**



Overview Terms of Use Privacy and Security Policy

Big Wave Systems provides services to insurance brokers, insurance carriers and insurance exchanges. By using the tabs above on this Privacy section of our Website, you will find our policies and agreements governing how we, and our affiliates and subsidiaries, handle the personal information that we receive when you use our Website



### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**



Update Your Help On Demand Profile

# **Update Your Help On Demand Profile**

After completing Help On Demand registration and accepting the terms of use, be sure to update your profile including:

- Contact information
- Any languages you speak
- States where you would like to receive referrals
- Hours of availability

# **Update Your State Preferences**

In the MLMS, you have the following four options to display your contact information:

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I would like all my contact information displayed for all states where I have a valid health license.

I would like my contact information, except my street address, displayed for all states where I have a valid health license.

I would like all my contact information displayed but only for my home state.

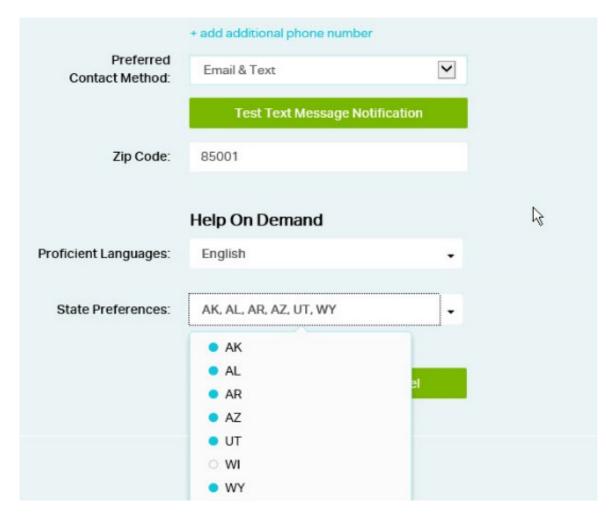
I don't want my contact information displayed and do not want to participate in Find Local Help or Help On Demand.

- In the MLMS, you have the option of displaying your contact information for Find Local Help and Help On Demand in all HealthCare.gov states where you have a valid license (options 1 and 2 above).
- You can also choose to display your information for your **home state only** (option 3 above).
- If you choose option 4 above, you will NOT be able to participate in Find Local Help or Help On Demand until you update your settings in the MLMS.

# **Update Your State Preferences**

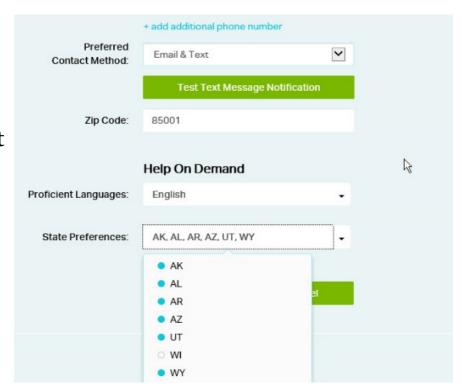
If you chose to display your information in all HealthCare.gov states where you hold a valid license in your MLMS profile (Option 1 or 2 in the previous slide), you have the option of limiting your state preferences in Help On Demand.

This field will default to every HealthCare.gov state where you are currently licensed and have a valid health line of authority.



# **Update Your State Preferences**

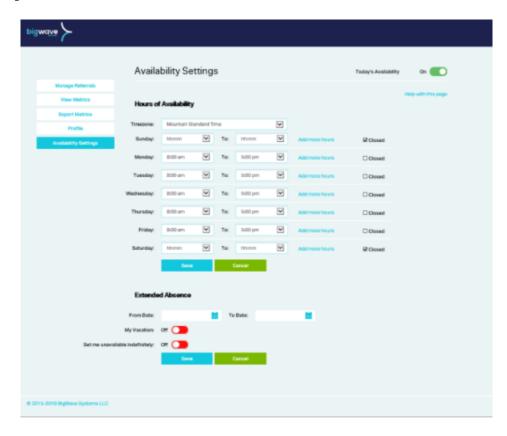
- However, if you only want to receive referrals in certain states, update your State Preferences using the dropdown.
- Using the customizable State
   Preferences field in your profile, select only the states in which you want to receive referrals.
  - This dropdown menu auto populates itself to include all HealthCare.gov states where you hold a valid license and health line of authority.
  - Select or deselect states to decide where to be active.
- Once you have updated your State Preferences, you will only receive referrals from the states you select.



After completing your profile, you must set your availability for Help On Demand. This step is critical for both you and consumers.

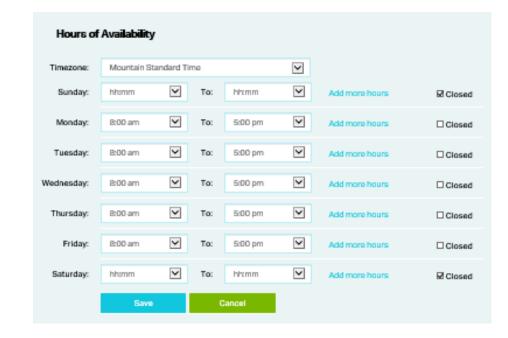
Help On Demand provides three different ways for you to set your availability:

- By setting standard Hours of Availability for each day of the week
- 2) By allowing you to manually override your schedule using the Today's Availability button
- 3) By setting Extended or Indefinite absences for your time out of the office



# Set standard hours of availability for each day of the week you are available for referrals.

- If you do not make a selection,
  Help On Demand will default your
  Hours of Availability to Monday
  through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00
  p.m. The system will detect your
  time zone automatically.
- Closed indicates days of the week you do not want to receive referrals (e.g., Saturday and Sunday).
- The **Add More Hours** feature allows you to choose more time periods to set, for example, if you take a lunch break every day at noon.



Manually override your schedule using the Today's Availability button in the top right corner of your screen.

Availability Settings Today's Availability On

The **Today's Availability** button can override your regular schedule on a temporary basis. Simply move the **Today's Availability** button to green when you want to start receiving referrals and then move it to red when you want to stop taking referrals.

Note: Today's Availability resets the following day to match your standard hours of availability.

Mark your calendar as unavailable for extended or indefinite absences for your time out of the office, such as vacation or family leave.

- Use the My Vacation button to set your absence for a specified period.
- Use the **Set Me Unavailable Indefinitely** button to set yourself as indefinitely unavailable, located at the very bottom of your screen. This will override all other settings until you manually turn it back to **On**.

Extended Absence					
From Date:			To Date:		
My Vacation:	Off O				
Set me unavailable indefinitely:	Off O				
	Save		Cancel		



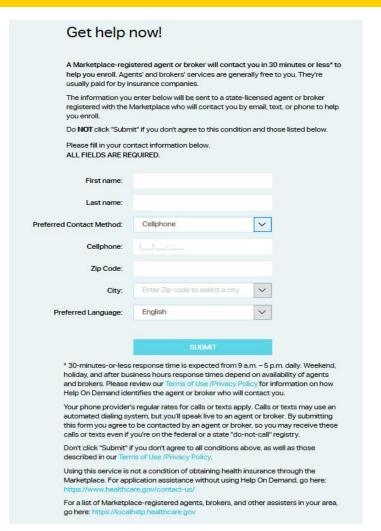
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Working with Consumers using Help On Demand



### What Does the Consumer See?

- Consumers can request assistance from a Marketplace-registered agent or broker using the Help On Demand tool available on HealthCare.gov.
- Consumers will be redirected from HealthCare.gov to the Help On Demand landing page, where they will be asked to enter their:
  - o Name
  - Contact information
  - Location
  - o Language
  - Preferred contact method
- After selecting Submit, they will receive a pop-up notification that an agent or broker will contact them shortly.



# Working with Consumers using Help On Demand

#### Receive Referral

After you register with Help On Demand, you are eligible to receive referrals from consumers seeking assistance via Help On Demand.

Depending on your preferred contact method, you will receive a text, email, and/or app notification when you are matched with a consumer.

You only have 15 minutes to respond, so act fast!

#### Accept or Reject

Log into the BigWave Systems App or desktop site to accept or reject the referral.

Accept the referral in order to help enroll the consumer in coverage.

Reject the referral if you are unavailable to help. This allows the consumer to be matched with another available agent or broker.

You will not be penalized for rejecting a referral.

#### Connect with Consumer

Reach out to the consumer within 30 minutes to offer help with the eligibility and enrollment process.

Update the referral's status in Help On Demand:

**Delayed:** If you left a message and are waiting to connect

**Referral Completed:** Eligibility and enrollment in Marketplace Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or referred to a state Medicaid agency where applicable

**Not a Good Referral:** Wrong phone number or not interested

# **Receive Help On Demand Referrals**

After the consumer enters his or her contact information, Help On Demand matches the consumer with an agent or broker who is available, speaks the consumer's language, and is licensed in the consumer's state.

If more than one agent or broker meets this criteria, Help On Demand directs the referral to the agent or broker who is geographically closest to the consumer.

That agent or broker receives a notification from Help On Demand via email, text, and/or app notification, and has 15 minutes to accept or reject the referral before it moves to the next available agent or broker in the queue.

# **Receive Help On Demand Referrals**

In addition, Help On Demand also employs a "**Consumer Safety Net**" – a blast email feature that is triggered when there are no "available" agents and brokers in the area to accept a referral.

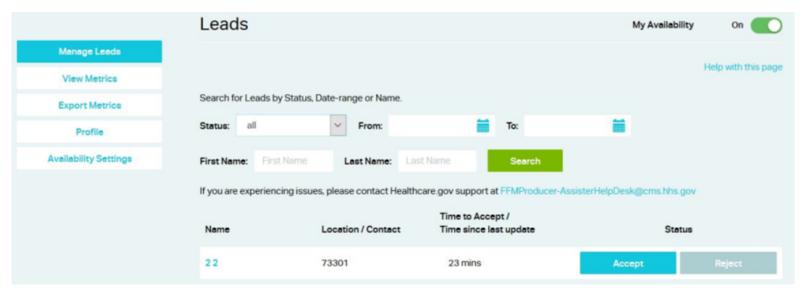
Help On Demand sends an email to all Marketplace-registered agents and brokers licensed in the consumer's state who have registered to participate in Help On Demand, regardless of their current availability, notifying them that a consumer is in need of assistance.

The first agent or broker to accept will receive the referral, and the referral will no longer be available to other agents and brokers in the state. It is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

# **Accept or Reject Help On Demand Referrals**

To accept or reject Help On Demand referrals, log into Help On Demand with your username and password. Once you log in, the **Manage Leads** page will be displayed.

- You can view the consumer's name and location before accepting or rejecting the referral.
- To accept the referral, select **Accept** in the status column.
- Once you accept the referral, you will receive the consumer's name and contact information.



# **Accept or Reject Help On Demand Referrals**

When you receive a referral notification, you must accept or reject it within 15 minutes.

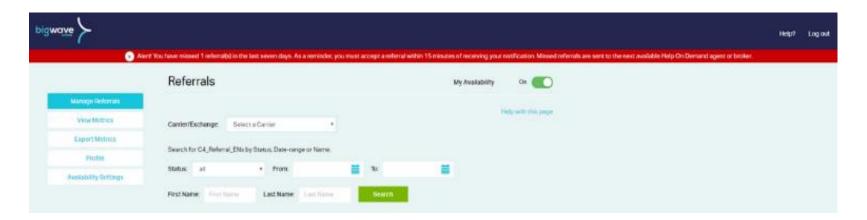
You will <u>not</u> be penalized for rejecting a referral.

- Rejecting referrals when you are not able to assist ensures that consumers can quickly get the help they need.
- By selecting "Reject," you are immediately sending the referral to the next available agent or broker in the queue.
- This allows another available agent or broker in the area to accept and quickly connect with the referral.

It is important that you respond to notifications as quickly as possible, so we recommend that you select **Email and Text** or **Email and App Notification** as your preferred contact method on your Help On Demand profile. Receiving notifications via **Email Only** can cause delays and lost referrals.

## **Accept or Reject Help On Demand Referrals**

If you miss the <u>15-minute</u> window to accept or reject a referral, the following message will appear on your Help On Demand profile when you log in:



This banner displays the number of referrals you have missed in the past 7 days at the top of your screen.

## **Accept or Reject Help On Demand Referrals**

You will also be able to see your missed referrals in the Manage Leads section of your account.

Name	Location / Contact	Time to Accept / Time since last update	Status
Missed Referral		17 minutes	Not Picked Up
Missed Referral		22 days	Not Picked Up
Missed Referral		22 days	Not Picked Up
Missed Referral		22 days	Not Picked Up

When you log into Help On Demand you will be able to see how many referrals you have missed and when they were originally received.

Each of your missed referrals will appear within your referral list. Under **Name** you will see the title **Missed Referral** and under **Status**, you will see **Not Picked Up**.

You will not be able to see the missed referrals' consumer information.

## Manage Help On Demand Referrals

Contact the consumer as soon as possible after accepting a referral, preferably within 15 minutes of accepting his or her request. If you know that you are unable to promptly connect with a consumer, you should reject the referral so it can be reassigned to the next available agent or broker in the queue.

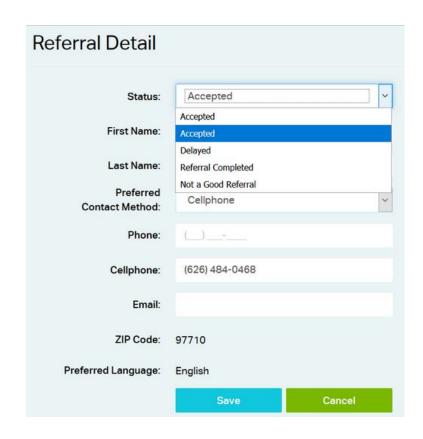
If a consumer does not respond to your initial phone call or email, you are encouraged to make three attempts to connect with that consumer. However, we understand that sometimes the consumer cannot be reached or provided incorrect contact information. In that instance, you should select the "**Not a Good Referral**" status in Help On Demand.

Please note that your Help On Demand account may be deactivated if you consistently fail to respond to consumer referrals in a timely manner.

# **Update Referral Status in Help On Demand**

As you assist the consumer, be sure to update the status on the Manage Leads page. Help On Demand has the following, simplified referral statuses for reporting and tracking:

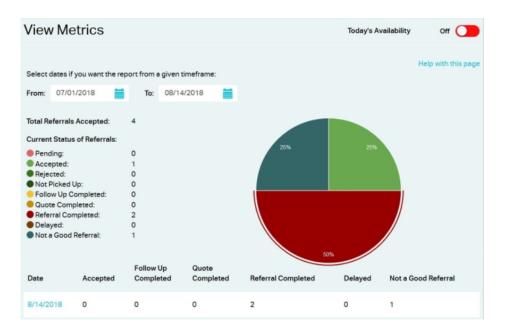
- Accepted: You have accepted the referral in Help On Demand.
- **Rejected**: You have rejected the referral because you were not available to assist.
- **Delayed**: You are experiencing delays helping the consumer (e.g., left a message, waiting on eligibility determination).
- Not a Good Referral: You are unable to assist the consumer (e.g., they are Medicaid eligible, provided incorrect contact information, or are working with another broker).
- **Referral Completed**: You have successfully completed your interaction with the consumer, who has selected a QHP or other non-marketplace coverage, or has been referred to another entity for assistance.



## **View Metrics**

Updating your referral status also allows Help On Demand to accurately track metrics for your referrals.

By selecting View Metrics on the left-hand navigation bar, you can view daily and total counts for your business.



### **View Metrics**

- Track your overall performance on the View Metrics page.
- Through the View Metrics page, you can see:
  - Maximum acceptance period
  - Average response time to accept referrals
  - Number of missed referrals
  - Percent of referrals accepted
- Use these metrics to gain insight on your book of business and improve your overall assistance performance.

Your Performance Summary		
Maximum Acceptance Period	15 minutes	
Average Response Time	2 minutes	
Number of Missed Referrals	22	
Average Acceptance Percentage	7.7%	

## **Export Metrics**

You can also Export Metrics to a .csv format to perform additional analytics.

Please note, consumers' contact information cannot be exported from the tool due to restrictions and other protections of consumer personally identifiable information (PII).

	<b>Export Metrics</b>			
Manage Referrals				
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Export Metrics	Carrier/Exchange:	Help On Demand		
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	Timezone:	Mountain Standard T	ime	<b>Y</b>
		Export	Cancel	



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#### **Best Practices**

# Best Practices for Interacting with Consumers through Help On Demand

- When you receive a referral notification, you must accept or reject it within 15 minutes.
- You will not be penalized for rejecting a referral. Rejecting the referral immediately sends the consumer to the next available agent or broker in the queue. This allows another available agent or broker in the area to ensure that consumers can quickly get the help they need.
- It is important that you respond to notifications as quickly as possible, so we recommend that you select Email and Text or Email and App Notification as your preferred contact method on your Help On Demand profile. Receiving notifications via Email Only can cause delays and lost referrals.

# Best Practices for Interacting with Consumers through Help On Demand

- Maintain your Availability Settings in your Help On Demand profile so that you only receive referrals when you are ready to connect with consumers.
- Contact the consumer as soon as possible after accepting a referral, preferably within 15 minutes of accepting his or her request. If you know that you are unable to promptly connect with a consumer, you should reject the referral so it can be reassigned to the next available agent or broker in the queue.

# Best Practices for Interacting with Consumers through Help On Demand

- If a consumer does not respond to your initial phone call or email, you are encouraged to make three attempts to connect with that consumer. However, we understand that sometimes the consumer cannot be reached or may have provided incorrect contact information. In that instance, you should update the referral status in Help On Demand to "Not a Good Referral."
- Following these best practices will not only help you make the most of your participation in Help On Demand but will ensure that consumers are quickly matched with an agent or broker who can help them enroll in coverage.



### **Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers**



Help On Demand Resources

## **Additional Resources**

For further resources Visit the Help On Demand Overview located here:

Help On Demand Overview

You may also view Tips for Maximizing Your Participation in Help On Demand here:

Tips for Maximizing
Your Participation

For Questions about Help On Demand, email FFM Producer-Assister Help Desk here:

Questions about Help On Demand

# Agent and Broker Resources: Definition of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
CCIIO	Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
EIDM	Enterprise Identity Management
FFM	Federally-facilitated Marketplace
FF-SHOP	Federally-facilitated Small Business Health Options Program
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
MLMS	Marketplace Learning Management System
NPN	National Producer Number
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PY	Plan Year
SBM	State-based Marketplace
SBM-FP	State-based Marketplace on the Federal Platform