Help On Demand: Training and Registration Guide

What is Help On Demand?

Help On Demand is a consumer assistance referral system that connects consumers seeking assistance with Marketplace-registered, state-licensed agents and brokers in their area who can provide immediate assistance with Marketplace plans and enrollments. Only agents and brokers who have completed Marketplace training and registration are eligible to participate in Help On Demand.

Note: This is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-contracted service developed and hosted by Help On Demand (formerly known as BigWave Systems). Help On Demand referrals are not provided by CMS or the Marketplace and they do not constitute an endorsement by the Department of Health & Human Services or the U.S. Government of the individual agents or brokers.

Participate in Help On Demand: Training

To participate in Help On Demand, agents and brokers must:

- Ensure that they have an active state license and health-related line of authority for the state(s) where they plan to offer assistance with enrollment in Marketplace plans.
- Confirm that their National Producer Numbers (NPNs) are listed as valid on the Agent and Broker Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Registration Completion List at https://data.healthcare.gov/ffm_ab_registration_lists.

Note: The information entered by agents and brokers in the MLMS profile including name, Social Security Number, and NPN are validated against the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) Public Database at https://nipr.com/help/look-up-your-npn to determine state licensure status. For additional information if you are having problems, check your status at https://data.healthcare.gov/ab-registration-tracker/.

Participate in Help On Demand: Registration

After successfully completing Help On Demand training, CMS will confirm your eligibility to participate in Help On Demand, then you can register with Help On Demand.

1. Help On Demand will send an email invitation from noreply@helpondemand.com with a secure link, to the email address listed in your MLMS profile.
   - This email will contain a unique link to activate your Help On Demand account.
   - The link expires after 48 hours. Select the link provided in the email to activate your account and follow the instructions to begin your registration.
Note: You will receive an email to register and create your Help On Demand profile within approximately two business days of completing training. If you are a returning Help On Demand user, you will NOT receive a new registration email, but you can continue to log into the Help On Demand system with your existing credentials. If you do not receive an email invitation after completing the Help On Demand training, check your spam folder. If you are brand new to the Marketplace, it may take additional time to verify your state licensure information with NIPR. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Agent Broker Email Help Desk at FFMProducer-AssisterHelpDesk@cms.hhs.gov for assistance.

2. Once you receive access to Help On Demand, you must complete the registration page shown here. The required fields for registration include your First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, Phone Provider, Preferred Contact Method, Email Address, and Zip Code.
   - Be sure to include your cell phone number, not a landline, since this number will be used to send you text messages.
   - Your email address will be linked to the email address provided in your MLMS profile; you will only receive email notification to this email address.

Once you have completed your information, review and agree to the Help On Demand Terms of Use and select Sign-Up.

Note: When setting up your username and password, remember that your password must be at least eight characters, containing at least one letter and one number.

The fourth field on the Agent Broker Registration page allows you to indicate your contact preference – this is important because your Preferred Contact Method is the way Help On Demand will notify you when you receive a new referral.
   - There are three options within the drop-down box:
     - Email & Text
     - Email & App Notification
     - Email Only

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

Note: If you select Email & App Notification, be sure to download the Help On Demand app for iPhone or Android.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Agent/Broker Email Help Desk at: FFMProducer-AssisterHelpDesk@cms.hhs.gov

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3. Following successful registration, Help On Demand will display a notification that your registration is complete. You will also receive an email confirming your access to Help On Demand.

   Be sure to save this email, which contains the link to log into Help On Demand: https://Marketplace.HelpOnDemand.com.

   **Note:** At this time, you will also have an opportunity to download and use the Help On Demand mobile app.


   To log in, use the username and password that you just created during the registration process.

5. Once you have logged in to the Help On Demand website you must read and accept the CMS Terms of Use for Help On Demand for Agents and Brokers. As you register, be sure to accept both Help On Demand’s Terms of Use and CMS’ Terms of Use. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete registration, which means you will not receive any referral notifications.

6. After completing Help On Demand registration and accepting both Help On Demand’s Terms of Use and CMS’ Terms of Use, be sure to review your profile information provided by MLMS including contact information, languages you speak, and states where you would like to receive referrals to begin using Help On Demand!
   - For more information, check out the Help On Demand resource: Help On Demand: Update Your Profile.

   To learn more about Help On Demand, how to register, and what you need to know to receive consumer referrals, visit the Help On Demand section of the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage.