



Health Insurance Marketplace 2016 Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment Week 9

*Operational Updates and
Announcements for Agents and
Brokers Participating in the Federally-
facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs)*

*Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services (CMS)
Centers for Consumer Information
& Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)*



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The information provided in this presentation is intended only as a general informal summary of technical legal standards. It is not intended to take the place of the statutes, regulations, and formal policy guidance that it is based upon. This presentation summarizes current policy and operations as of the date it was presented. Links to certain source documents have been provided for your reference. We encourage audience members to refer to the applicable statutes, regulations, and other interpretive materials for complete and current information about the requirements that apply to them.

This document generally is not intended for use in the State-based Marketplaces (SBMs), but some of the material in it might be relevant if you are in a state with an SBM that is using HealthCare.gov for eligibility and enrollment. Please review the guidance on our Agents and Brokers Resources webpage (<http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>) and Marketplace.CMS.gov to learn more.



Health Insurance Marketplace 2016 Open Enrollment



*Updates
and
Announcements*

Key Open Enrollment Dates for Plan Year 2016

November 1, 2015

- *HealthCare.gov is available for plan year 2016 Open Enrollment*

November 15, 2015 –
December 15, 2015

- *Employers signing up for SHOP Marketplace coverage do not have to meet the participation rate requirement*

December 17, 2015*
(December 18 – 3:00 AM ET)

- *Extended deadline for consumers to enroll in coverage through the Individual and SHOP Marketplaces effective January 1, 2016*

January 1, 2016

- *Coverage begins for consumers who enrolled through the FFMs by December 15, 2015*

January 15, 2016*
(January 16 – 3:00 AM ET)

- ***Deadline for consumers to enroll in coverage through the FFMs effective February 1, 2016***

January 31, 2016
(February 1 – 3:00 AM ET)

- *End of plan year 2016 Open Enrollment for the FFMs; deadline for consumers to enroll in coverage through the FFMs effective March 1, 2016*

February 1, 2016

- *Coverage begins for consumers who enrolled through the FFMs by January 15, 2016*

March 1, 2016

- *Coverage begins for consumers who enrolled through the FFMs by January 31, 2016*

- **The SHOP Marketplace is open all year long. Applications submitted by 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET) on the 15th of the month may go into effect as soon as the first day of the next month.*

Extended Open Enrollment Deadline

- Due to an unprecedented demand and volume of consumers contacting the Marketplace Call Center or visiting HealthCare.gov, CMS extended the deadline to sign up for January 1, 2016 coverage until 11:59 PM Pacific Time on December 17, 2015 (2:59 AM ET on December 18, 2015).
 - Consumers who enrolled before 3:00 AM ET on December 18 will receive coverage effective January 1, 2016.
 - Consumers who enrolled at 3:00 AM ET or after will receive coverage effective February 1, 2016.
 - There are still regular special enrollment periods (SEPs) that can produce January 1, 2016 coverage (e.g., consumers who will lose coverage at the end of the year).

Extended Open Enrollment Deadline (cont.)

- In addition to providing 48 additional hours to select a plan for January 1, 2016 coverage, CMS is employing procedures to ensure that consumers who attempted to enroll on December 14 or December 15, 2015 and have yet to complete the process can enroll with a January 1, 2016 coverage effective date.
- These procedures are as follows:
 - Consumers who left their contact information on the Marketplace Call Center's voice mail system on December 14 or December 15, 2015 have received calls from the Marketplace Call Center to support enrollment in January 1, 2016 coverage.
 - Marketplace Call Center representatives will support these consumers with enrolling for January 1, 2016 coverage after the December 17, 2015 deadline through use of the in-line SEP process.

Extended Open Enrollment Deadline (cont.)

- Direct Enrollment partners were able to provide lists of any consumers still (virtually) in line at the time of the December 15, 2015 deadline and waiting for Marketplace Call Center representatives to provide assistance for enrolling in January 1, 2016 coverage. Direct Enrollment partners who are issuers can also enroll consumers for February 1, 2016 coverage and work with CMS to update the effective date through the enrollment reconciliation process.
- Consumers who attempted to use HealthCare.gov directly to enroll on December 14 or December 15, 2015 and were not able to get through the waiting room or enroll during the 48-hour extension will be supported by the Marketplace Call Center in enrolling in January 1, 2016 coverage if they call for assistance.
- To keep abreast of any further changes:
 - Follow updates from [@HealthCare.gov](https://twitter.com/HealthCare.gov) and hashtag [#GetCovered](https://twitter.com/HealthCare.gov) on Twitter.
 - Follow updates from [HealthCare.gov](https://www.HealthCare.gov) on Facebook.

Tips from the Marketplace Call Center

- To reduce wait times at the Marketplace Call Center, do not wait until the last minute to seek assistance.
 - Avoid calling during peak times of the day and certain dates — especially between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM ET, 4:00 PM ET and 6:00 PM ET, and around January 13-15, and January 29-31, 2016.
- Every 365 days, consumers need to reauthorize the Marketplace Call Center to allow an agent/broker to work on their behalf.
 - Complete these reauthorizations during off-peak hours and avoid enrollment deadline days whenever possible.

Marketplace Affordability Snapshot for the FFM's for Plan Year 2016

7 in 10

- Returning Marketplace consumers will be able to buy a plan for \$75 or less in monthly premiums after tax credits

6.3%*

- The average rate increase for a benchmark plan across 30 of the largest markets, representing Marketplace enrollees

7.5%

- The average increase in cost for a benchmark plan across all markets in the 37 states

3 or more issuers

- Will be available in over two-thirds of counties

\$400 in savings

- The average amount new consumers who switched plans within the same plan tier saved after tax credits as compared to those who stayed in their same plans

**This rate does not account for the benefit provided by tax credits to eligible consumers.*

Marketing Opportunities for Agents and Brokers

- Licensed agents and brokers may print Marketplace materials and add a sticker (or stamp) to these documents with their contact information.
- An example of a marketing material is this general Open Enrollment flyer:
 - <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/need-affordable-health-coverage-poster.pdf>
 - Spanish-language version: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/need-affordable-health-coverage-poster-spanish.pdf>
- Some materials even allow the agent or broker to enter his or her information directly into the material itself, such as this event flyer:
 - <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/open-enrollment-fillable-flyer.pdf>
 - Spanish-language version: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/need-health-coverage-flyer-spanish.pdf>

Marketing Opportunities for Agents and Brokers (cont.)

- Additional Marketplace documents are available at:
 - www.HealthCare.gov
 - <https://marketplace.cms.gov/>
- To order Marketplace materials, review the instructions at: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/need-a-product-order-now.pdf>
- CMS suggests agents and brokers provide the following content on stickers added to Marketplace materials:
 - For in-person help with your application, contact:
 - Name (licensed insurance broker):
 - National Producer Number (NPN):
 - State License Number:
 - Work Address:
 - Contact Phone Number:
 - Email Address:

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov

- HealthCare.gov has successfully launched a new feature that allows consumers to look up their medical facilities (in addition to doctors and prescription drugs) and see in the plan results if their medical facilities are covered by each QHP.
- This new feature is an enhancement of the **See Plans & Prices** functionality at HealthCare.gov.
 - Note that this feature is not currently available for the SHOP Marketplace.
- Consumers can access the feature when they see a page indicating they can search for “doctors, medical facilities, and drugs” and then select “Continue” to search for and add their medical facilities.

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)

- The consumer enters his or her zip code into the field on the 2016 Health Insurance Plans & Prices webpage at HealthCare.gov and clicks “Search.”
- Once the consumer’s location populates, he or she clicks “Choose” to continue.

2016 health insurance plans & prices

NEW You can see if your doctors and prescription drugs are covered.

Enter your ZIP code

33160 **SEARCH**

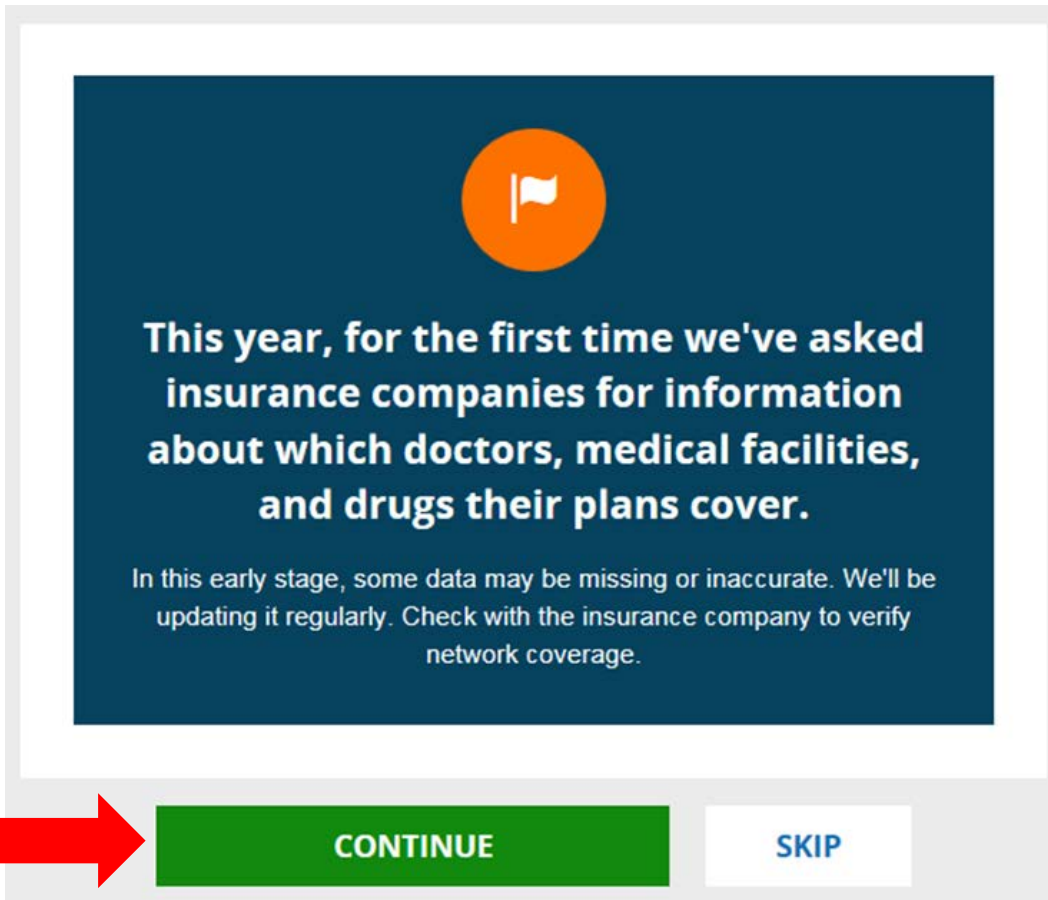
Choose your location

Miami-Dade County, FL **CHOOSE**

[Looking for 2015 plans?](#)

IMPORTANT
This isn't a coverage application. It's a fast way to preview plans and price estimates before logging in. Find a plan you like here and we'll take you to create an account or log in. You'll add more household and income details, see all plan options with final prices, pick any plan, and enroll.

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)



The screenshot shows a dark blue notification box with a white flag icon in an orange circle at the top center. The text inside the box reads: "This year, for the first time we've asked insurance companies for information about which doctors, medical facilities, and drugs their plans cover." Below this, in smaller text, it says: "In this early stage, some data may be missing or inaccurate. We'll be updating it regularly. Check with the insurance company to verify network coverage." At the bottom of the notification box, there are two buttons: a green "CONTINUE" button and a white "SKIP" button. A red arrow points to the "CONTINUE" button.

- After answering a few questions about his or her circumstances, HealthCare.gov will prompt the consumer with the option to search for QHPs based on his or her doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs.
- To search, the consumer clicks “Continue.”
- If the consumer is not interested in searching, he or she can click “Skip” to move forward to the QHP listings.

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)

Do you want to see if your doctors, medical facilities,
and prescription drugs are covered? BETA

Add your doctors, medical facilities (like hospitals and pharmacies), and prescription drugs. When you compare plans, you'll see if they're covered. Information on group practices will be available in the future.

Search

Doctor, facility, or prescription drug **SEARCH**

Search for one at a time

SKIP

- Once redirected to the look-up feature, the consumer can enter a doctor, medical facility, or prescription drug into the search field and click “Search.”
- Please note that the consumer can leave the look-up feature at any time by clicking “Skip.”

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)

- Once the consumer has searched for his or her medical facility, he or she will need to confirm the name of the medical facility by selecting the correct option from the search list that populates and clicking “Add.”

Do you want to see if your doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs are covered? DETAILED

Add your doctors, medical facilities (like hospitals and pharmacies), and prescription drugs. When you compare plans, you'll see if they're covered. Information on group practices will be available in the future.

Search

tampa outpatient surgical facility SEARCH

results for *tampa outpatient surgical facility*

A single provider may have multiple offices, and have different coverage options at each office.

If the same doctor or facility is listed more than once, contact the insurance company to verify the location near you is in the network.

Information on group practices will be available in the future. In the meantime, check the plan's provider directory.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

<input type="checkbox"/>	TAMPA OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY Clinic/Center - Ambulatory Surgical 5012 N Armenia Ave Tampa, FL 33603
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTH TAMPA OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY LLC Clinic/Center - Ambulatory Surgical 5329 Primrose Lake Cir Tampa, FL 33647

ADD SKIP

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)

Confirm Your Doctors, Medical Facilities, and Prescription Drugs.

TRACY JONES ROBERTS
Orthopedics | Orthopedic Surgery
Miami, FL 33175

REMOVE

AMLODIPINE 2.5 MG ORAL TABLET [NORVASC]

REMOVE

TAMPA OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY
Clinic/Center · Ambulatory Surgical
Tampa, FL 33603

REMOVE

ADD **CONTINUE**

- Once the consumer has added all of the doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs of interest and reviewed the list, he or she can click “Continue” to see the list of plans that cover those doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs.

New Facility Look-up Feature at HealthCare.gov (cont.)

- HealthCare.gov will redirect the consumer to the list of available QHPs in the consumer's area.
- Each QHP will note which doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs are covered based on the information the consumer entered into the look-up feature.

Florida Blue (BlueCross BlueShield FL) · BlueOptions Essential 1419

Bronze EPO | Plan ID: 16843FL0070084

<p>Estimated monthly premium</p> <p>\$275</p> <p>Premium before tax credit: \$336</p>	<p>Deductible ⓘ</p> <p>\$6,850</p> <p>Estimated Individual Total</p>	<p>Out-of-pocket maximum ⓘ</p> <p>\$6,850</p> <p>Estimated Individual Total</p>
<p>Estimated total yearly costs</p> <p>CALCULATE</p>	<p>Your doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs</p> <p>Tracy Jones Roberts Accepting Orthopedics, Orthopedic Surgery</p> <p>✓ In-network in these locations</p> <p>Amlodipine 2.5 MG Oral Tablet (Norvasc)</p> <p>✓ Covered</p> <p>TAMPA OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY Clinic/Center - Ambulatory Surgical</p> <p>✓ In-network in these locations</p>	<p>Copayments / Coinsurance ⓘ</p> <p>Emergency room care: No Charge After Deductible</p> <p>Generic drugs: No Charge After Deductible</p> <p>Primary doctor: No Charge After Deductible</p> <p>Specialist doctor: No Charge After Deductible</p>

Five Steps to Share with Consumers for Staying Covered through the Marketplaces

- To summarize the steps necessary for staying covered through the Marketplaces, you can refer consumers to the following Marketplace material: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/5-steps-fact-sheet.pdf>.
- The document outlines the following five simple steps for staying covered directed towards the consumer:
 - **Step 1: Review.** Direct the consumer to review his or her current plan and personal information to see if the plan still meets the consumer's needs and the personal information is up-to-date for plan year 2016.
 - **Step 2: Update.** Direct the consumer to update his or her pre-populated plan year 2016 application at HealthCare.gov and then submit his or her application.
 - **Step 3: Compare.** Help the consumer compare plans, costs, and benefits for plan year 2016 in his or her eligibility results.
 - **Step 4: Choose.** Help the consumer select his or her plan for plan year 2016.
 - **Step 5: Enroll.** Direct the consumer to enroll in coverage, confirm his or her enrollment, and remind the consumer that he or she will need to pay his or her premium each month.

New Research on Small Employers and SHOP Marketplaces

- Most small employers feel coverage is important, but only half of all small employers offer their employees health insurance.
- For small employers who don't offer health insurance, the main reasons preventing them from doing so are cost and the fact they think their employees already have health coverage.
- However, there is an awareness gap about the SHOP Marketplaces:
 - There is a big awareness gap about the SHOP Marketplaces, depending on whether a business offers health insurance or not. Only 37% of small employers who do not offer health insurance say they know about the SHOP Marketplaces before hearing a description.
 - Employers who offer health insurance were much more likely to have looked into the SHOP Marketplaces than those who do not (45% vs. 14%).
 - **After learning more, 8 in 10 small employers say they will look into the SHOP Marketplaces.**

New Research on Small Employers and SHOP Marketplaces (cont.)

- Agents and brokers assisting in the SHOP Marketplaces can help inform small employers about the value of offering health insurance through the SHOP Marketplaces.
- Through the SHOP Marketplace, small employers have the opportunity to:
 - Obtain tax credits by offering health insurance to their employees;
 - Find an affordable health insurance option that can help keep employees healthy and productive and retain valued employees; and
 - Control the costs of covering employees.
- For more information on how small employers perceive the SHOP Marketplaces review the full Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report at: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2015/11/small-employers-and-the-small-business-health-options-program--s.html>.

SHOP Marketplace

Minimum Participation Requirement

In most states, 70% of a group's employees offered coverage must accept the offer of SHOP Marketplace coverage or be enrolled in other types of coverage for a group to participate in the SHOP Marketplace.

- Unless the group enrolls between **November 15 and December 15** when no minimum participation rate (MPR) applies

What's New?

For 2016 coverage and beyond, the SHOP Marketplace MPR requirement has changed, making it easier for employers to enroll in SHOP Marketplace coverage.

2015 Participation Requirement	2016 Participation Requirement
Employees are not counted toward the MPR if they have coverage through another job, another person's job, or a government program (e.g., Medicare, TRICARE).	Employees with non-SHOP Marketplace coverage, such as through a spouse or government program, will be counted toward the MPR.

Calculating the Minimum Participation Rate

For coverage beginning in 2016 and beyond, here's how the SHOP Marketplace MPR is calculated:

$$\text{MPR} = \frac{\text{Number of Employees **Enrolling** in Any Coverage}}{\text{Number of Employees **Offered** SHOP Marketplace Coverage}}$$

Here's an example for 2016:

- An employer offers coverage to 10 full-time employees, and 2 have coverage through a spouse's employer, and 1 is covered by Medicare.
- Seventy percent of 10 employees = 7 employees.
- Three employees have other coverage that counts towards the MPR, so four additional employees must accept the employer's offer of SHOP Marketplace coverage before the employer can enroll.
- In plan year 2015, this group would have had to enroll seven employees in order to obtain SHOP Marketplace coverage.

Health and Dental Coverage Options in the SHOP Marketplace

- Starting in plan year 2016, employers may offer their employees one of three options through the SHOP Marketplace:
 1. Only health coverage
 2. Only dental coverage
 3. Both health and dental coverage
 - If a qualified employee is offered both health and dental coverage, he or she may choose to enroll in both health and dental coverage, only health coverage, or only dental coverage.
- Employers may also offer health and dental coverage to their employees' dependents
 - Dependents must enroll in the same health or dental plan as the qualified employee.
 - If an employee is offered both health and dental coverage, dependents will be able to enroll in either the health or dental coverage the employee picks, or in both.

Employee Choice: Offering Employers Flexibility and Control

Employers can offer qualified employees:

1. A single health or dental plan
2. A choice of plans within a plan category the employer chooses
 - Employees choose any plan within the selected coverage category

Advantages of offering qualified employees a choice of plans:

- They can choose plans that best fit their coverage needs
- Employer does not have to predict their health care needs
- Employer receives and pays just **one monthly bill** per account, even when offering multiple plans with different health insurance companies
- Employer sets choice limits to control health care costs

	Issuer A	Issuer B	Issuer C	Issuer D	Issuer E
Platinum					
Gold					
Silver	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bronze					

Agent and Broker Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Weekly Updates and Announcements UPDATED WEBINAR SCHEDULE

- To register for any of these sessions, please log in to www.REGTAP.info and complete the following steps:
 - Select "Training Events" from "My Dashboard."
 - Select the "View" icon next to the event title for the webinar you are interested in attending.
 - Select "Register Me."

Tuesdays: 3:00–4:00 PM ET
December 29
January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26

Privacy Notice Statements

- All agents and brokers who participate in the Individual Marketplaces must execute and comply with the Individual Marketplace Agreements (i.e., General Agreement and Privacy & Security Agreement) in order to continue to participate in the FFM's.
- The Privacy & Security Agreement requires all agents and brokers to ensure openness and transparency about policies, procedures, and technologies that directly affect consumers' personally identifiable information (PII).
- PII is any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity (e.g., his or her name, Social Security Number, biometric records) alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual (e.g., date of birth, place of birth, mother's maiden name).

Privacy Notice Statements (cont.)

- Prior to collecting PII, agents and brokers must provide a Privacy Notice Statement that is prominently displayed on a public-facing website, if applicable, or on the electronic and/or paper form the agents and brokers use to gather and/or request PII.
- The statement must be written in plain language and provided in a manner that is accessible and timely to people living with disabilities and with limited English proficiency.
- At minimum, the statement must contain the following information:
 - Legal authority to collect PII
 - Purpose of the information collection
 - To whom PII might be disclosed and for what purposes
 - Authorized uses and disclosures of any collected information
 - Whether the request to collect PII is voluntary or mandatory under the law
 - Effects of non-disclosure if an individual chooses not to provide the requested information

Privacy Notice Statements (cont.)

- Agents and brokers are required to maintain the content of their Privacy Notice Statements by reviewing and revising the statements as necessary on an annual basis, as well as before or as soon as possible after any change to their privacy policies and procedures.
- Any agent or broker who also acts as a web-broker must ensure that descriptions of the web-broker's privacy and security practices, as well as information on how to file complaints with the web-broker and CMS, are publicly available through its website.
- Failure to comply with Privacy Notice Statement requirements could result in termination of the agent or broker from the FFMs.



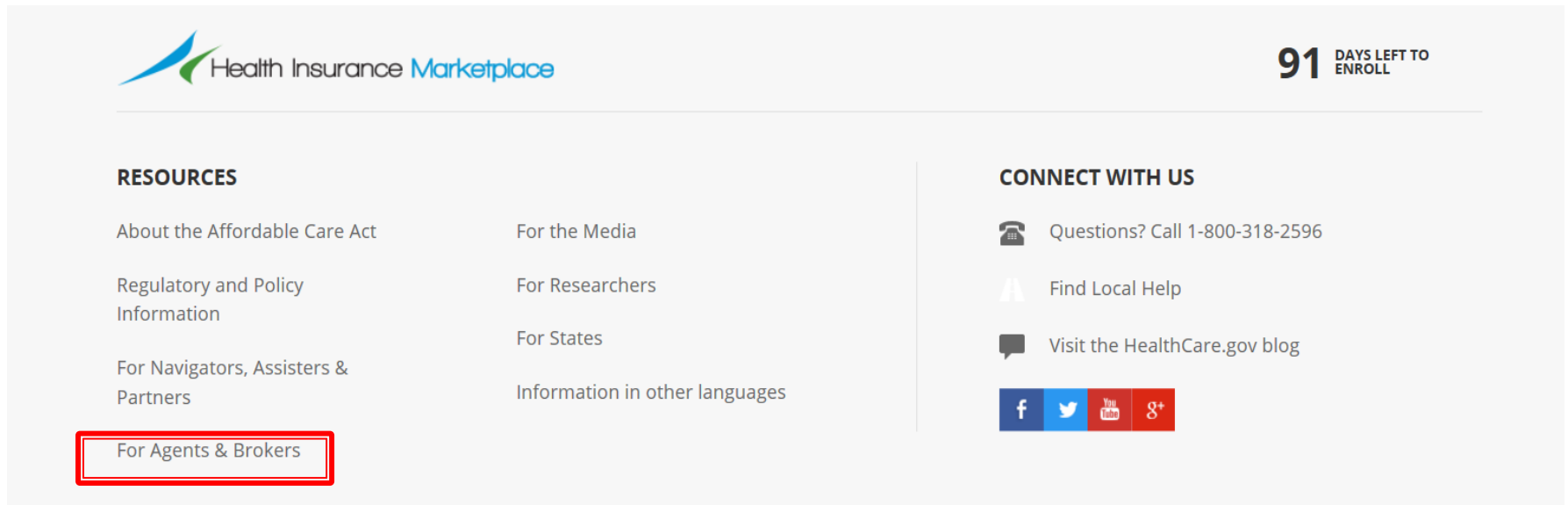
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*Agent and
Broker
Resources*

New Agent and Broker Resource Link at HealthCare.gov

- A new “For Agents and Brokers” link has been added at HealthCare.gov, making it easier for agents and brokers to get to the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage (<http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>)



The screenshot shows the Health Insurance Marketplace website. At the top left is the logo for Health Insurance Marketplace. At the top right, it says "91 DAYS LEFT TO ENROLL". Below the logo, there are two main sections: "RESOURCES" and "CONNECT WITH US".

RESOURCES

- About the Affordable Care Act
- Regulatory and Policy Information
- For Navigators, Assisters & Partners
- For the Media
- For Researchers
- For States
- Information in other languages

CONNECT WITH US

- Questions? Call 1-800-318-2596
- Find Local Help
- Visit the HealthCare.gov blog

At the bottom of the "RESOURCES" section, there is a link "For Agents & Brokers" which is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

New Call Center Support for Agents and Brokers

Agents and brokers can call **1-855-CMS-1515 (855-267-1515)** and select **option “1”** to speak with Agent and Broker Call Center Representatives during the following times:

- The Agent and Broker Call Center will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 AM–10:00 PM ET in December and January, and will be closed on Sundays and holidays with the following exception: The Call Center will be open 24 hours on Sunday, January 31, 2016.
- Call Center Representatives can help you with questions on topics like:

– Agents’ and brokers’ User IDs for FFM registration and training	– The new Marketplace Learning Management System (MLMS) and CMS-approved vendor training options
– NPNs	– Password resets and account lockouts on the CMS Enterprise Portal
– Log in issues at the HealthCare.gov landing page (when an agent or broker is redirected from an issuer’s or web-broker’s site)	– HealthCare.gov website issues

Note: Agents and brokers should direct specific questions or issues with a consumer’s Individual Marketplace application to the Marketplace Call Center at **1-800-318-2596**. Agents and brokers should direct questions related to SHOP Marketplace coverage to the SHOP Call Center at **1-800-706-7893**.

Agent and Broker Resources

- *Additional resources can be found on CMS' Agents and Brokers Resources webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/programs-and-initiatives/health-insurance-marketplaces/a-b-resources.html>.*
- *Additional information agents and brokers can use to educate consumers can be found at: HealthCare.gov and Marketplace.CMS.gov.*
- *The list of CMS-approved training vendors can be found at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>.*
- *For more information on registration and training requirements, please review the following resources on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>:*
 - *Slides from the “FFM Agent and Broker Plan Year 2016 Registration and Training Requirements” webinar that was held in July and August 2015*
 - *Slides from the “Guidance on Plan Year 2016 FFM Registration and Training for Agents and Brokers” webinar that was held in September 2015*
 - *Quick Reference Guide – Plan Year 2016 FFM Registration for Agents and Brokers*
 - *FFM agent and broker plan year 2016 registration and training videos*

Agent and Broker Resources (cont.)

- *Agent and Broker NPNs can be found at: www.nipr.com/PacNpnSearch.htm.*
- *The checklist for agents and brokers to use when helping consumers with their applications can be found at: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/marketplace-application-checklist.pdf>.*
- *For more information on Open Enrollment, please review the following resources on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>:*
 - *Slide from the “FFM Plan Year 2016 Open Enrollment Overview and Kick-Off for Agents and Brokers” webinar held on October 14, 2015*
 - *Slide from Weeks 1-8 of the “Operational Updates and Announcements for Agents and Brokers Participating in the FFMs” webinar series*
- *For more information on income and household composition for Marketplace eligibility, visit <https://www.HealthCare.gov/income-and-household-information/household-size/> and <https://www.HealthCare.gov/help/income/>.*
- *For more information on catastrophic plans and how a consumer can file for an exemption, review: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/exemptions-catastrophic-coverage.pdf>.*

Agent and Broker Resources (cont.)

- *To access the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal to complete your searchable profile and manage SHOP Marketplace accounts, visit:
<https://healthcare.gov/marketplace/small-businesses/agent>.*
- *For more details on plan year 2016 annual redeterminations and re-enrollments, review the guidance CMS issued on April 22, 2015 at:
<http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/annual-redeterminations-for-coverage-42215.pdf>.*
- *Agents and brokers can review 45 C.F.R. § 156.340 and the 2016 Letter to Issuers ([https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/2016 Letter to Issuers 2 20 2015.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/2016%20Letter%20to%20Issuers%202015.pdf)) to understand the circumstances where CMS advises Marketplace issuers to withhold compensation from agents and brokers.*
- *To order Marketplace materials available for co-branding, review the instructions at:
<https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/need-a-product-order-now.pdf>.*
- *Consumers can use the following URL to see if they qualify for savings by enrolling in a Silver QHP: <https://www.healthcare.gov/lower-costs/>.*

Agent and Broker Resources (cont.)

- *Agents and brokers can check their registration statuses on the Agent Broker Registration Status page via the CMS Enterprise Portal or in the Agent and Broker FFM Registration Completion List for Plan Year 2016 on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>.*
- *To host an enrollment event, or to get connected to enrollment groups in your area, email the HealthCare.gov Partnership Team at: Partnership@cms.hhs.gov.*
- *To understand the requirements for Navigators and other assisters, review: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/agents-and-brokers-guidance-for-assisters.PDF>.*
- *Agents and brokers can access an earned media and public awareness toolkit that provides resources on marketing at: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/healthcaregov-assister-navigator-earned-media-and-promotion-toolkit.pdf>.*
- *Agents and brokers can direct consumers to the Interactive Tax Assistant at [http://www.irs.gov/uac/Interactive-Tax-Assistant-\(ITA\)-1](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Interactive-Tax-Assistant-(ITA)-1) or call the Internal Revenue Service Call Center at 1-800-829-1040 for questions on reconciling their APTC on their 2014 tax returns.*

Agent and Broker Resources (cont.)

- *For a description of the web-broker role and obligations as defined in regulation, review 45 CFR § 155.220(c)(3).*
- *For the Marketplace privacy and security standards authority, review 45 CFR §155.260.*
- *Consumers can also use the Out-of-pocket Cost feature to estimate what his or her premiums, deductibles and copays may be for the year at:
<https://www.healthcare.gov/see-plans/>.*
- *The Web-broker Public List can be viewed on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>.*
- *For more information on how small employers perceive the SHOP Marketplaces review the full Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report at:
<http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2015/11/small-employers-and-the-small-business-health-options-program--s.html>.*

Agent and Broker Resources (cont.)

- *The CMS Enterprise Portal can be accessed at: <https://portal.cms.gov/>.*
- *For more information on consumer rights and protections on the Marketplaces, review the CMS resource at: [Health Insurance Marketplace: Know your rights](#).*
- *The proposed 2017 Payment Notice is available at: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-29884.pdf>.*
- *The News for Agents and Brokers monthly newsletter is distributed via email. For agents and brokers who do not receive the newsletter via email, CMS posts it on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://go.cms.gov/CCIIOAB>.*
 - *The August and September editions contain important information about agent and broker FFM registration and training for plan year 2016.*
 - *The October and November editions contain important information about plan year 2016 FFM Open Enrollment.*
- *Current news and updates are distributed via email and CMS' twitter handle: [@CMSGov](#).*

Questions?

For questions about Agent/Broker participation in the FFMs:
FFMProducer-AssisterHelpDesk@cms.hhs.gov

For questions on the MLMS: MLMSHelpDesk@CMS.HHS.gov

For questions when working with consumers applying and enrolling:
1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

For questions unrelated to application and enrollment:
1-855-CMS-1515 (855-267-1515) and select option “1”

For questions about the SHOP Marketplace:
1-800-706-7893 (TTY: 711) available M-F 9:00 AM-7:00 PM ET

For questions regarding a CMS-approved vendor’s training, agents and brokers should contact the respective vendor’s help desk. Contact information can be found on the Agents and Brokers Resources webpage at: <http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/programs-and-initiatives/health-insurance-marketplaces/a-b-resources.html>.

For questions/comments about web-broker participation in the FFMs:
WebBroker@cms.hhs.gov