To access the Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS), users will need to go through the CMS Enterprise Portal and register for a CMS IDM account. IDM is the acronym for CMS’ Identity Management system which includes Identity Management, Access Management, Authorization Assistance Workflow Tools, and Identity Lifecycle Management functions (i.e., Password Reset, Forgot User ID, etc.). IDM handles the identity verification of users trying to request access to CMS systems. A CMS IDM account ensures that only authorized/registered users can access protected information and systems through the CMS Enterprise Portal. This guide provides detailed steps on how users register for a CMS IDM account and request access to HIOS.

New users are required to complete the Remote Identity Proofing (RIDP) process as well as Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). As part of the RIDP process, users will be required to answer questions related to their personal information. Users will also be prompted to complete the MFA registration process, which requires users to provide more than one form of verification in order to access the CMS Enterprise Portal. Once an MFA device is registered for their account, users must use this device to log into the CMS Enterprise Portal.

**NOTE:** If you encounter any issues with your account or MFA device registration, please contact the Marketplace Service Desk at 1-855-267-1515 or email CMS_FEPS@cms.hhs.gov.

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**1 Accessing the HIOS Home Page**

**Important Information**
- Both new and existing HIOS users will follow the steps in this section to access HIOS once they have a CMS Enterprise Portal account.
- For assistance with creating a CMS Enterprise Portal Account, please refer to the **HIOS IDM Quick Guide**.

**To Access the HIOS Home Page:**

1. After the HIOS Role request has been approved, navigate to CMS Enterprise Portal at [https://portal.cms.gov](https://portal.cms.gov). On the My Portal homepage, the HIOS application will display. Select HIOS, then select **Overview** (Figure 1).

   **Figure 1: My Portal Page with HIOS Application**

2. Select **Access HIOS** (Figure 2).
3. Read the Terms of Use and Select **Accept** (Figure 3).

**Figure 2: HIOS Terms of Use**

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### 2 Request HIOS Module Roles

**Important Information**

- If your organization does not exist in HIOS, please refer to the [HIOS Portal Quick Guide](#).

- Prior to Managing TPA Relationships, users will need to request a **Company Administrator** or an **Issuer Administrator** role in the HIOS Portal Module. Only these two user roles will have access to this functionality.
To request the HIOS roles:

1. New users can select the Request A Role button on the page (Figure 4).

   ![Figure 4: HIOS Homepage for New Users](image)

2. Existing HIOS users will need to select the Welcome drop-down and then select Request a Role (Figure 5).

   ![Figure 5: Request a Role Drop-Down](image)

3. Select a HIOS Portal as the module and select Next.

4. Select a role (Company Administrator or Issuer Administrator) from Step 2 and select Next.
   - If you selected the Company Administrator role, provide an Organization ID related to the company Providing TPA Services.
   - If you selected the Issuer Administrator role, provide a HIOS Issuer ID related to the issuer Receiving TPA Services.

5. Enter the Organization ID for the association in Step 3 and then select the Search button. If an Organization ID does not exist, you will see a popup message instructing you to select the Create an Organization button to first create the organization or select the Cancel button to use another Organization ID.

6. Select the Add button to associate the role to multiple Issuers per request. The system allows up to 10 Issuers per submission and then select Next (Figure 6).
7. Review the information in the Confirm your request section and select **Submit** (Figure 7).
   - If the information is not correct, return to the step where the incorrect information was entered and make the necessary correction.

   ![Figure 7: Confirm Your Request](image)

8. After you select Submit, a confirmation box will show noting that your role request has been submitted for approval (Figure 8).
   - You will see a confirmation message notifying you to log back into HIOS within 1-2 business days to check the status of your request. To see your user role(s) and access permissions, select the Manage Roles link from the username drop down menu.
3 Adding a Relationship

Important Information

- If you need assistance registering a New Organization in HIOS, please refer to the HIOS Portal Quick Guide.
- TPA service providers already in the system should view the Organization Details page to ensure that they have the correct TPA attribute. TPA Information will not appear for Non-Federal and Other Organizations. To be set up as a TPA an organization must have either the Enrollment or Edge checkbox checked on the Organization Details page.
- The purpose of the 'Add a Relationship' functionality is to establish a relationship between Third Party Administrators (TPAs) and the organizations they provide one or more services. A relationship requires one TPA (Companies and/or Non-Insurance Companies) and one or more consumer of services (consumer). The consumer of services must be an Insurance Company with at least one Issuer associated with the company. A relationship can be initiated by either party and will require approval from the other party.

To Add a Relationship in HIOS:
1. Select Manage Organizations on the HIOS Home Page Welcome drop-down.
2. On the Manage Organizations page, select Add a Relationship (Figure 9).
3. Select the **Relationship** Type, indicate with the appropriate radio button if your organization is **Providing** or **Receiving** TPA Services, Enter the organization’s FEIN and select “Search.” If **Receiving** TPA Services: Mark the checkboxes next to as many issuers, for the relationship, as needed (Figure 10). Select **Next** from Step 1.
4. Enter the organization’s FEIN and select “Search.” If providing TPA Services: Mark the checkboxes next to as many issuers, for the relationship, as needed (Figure 11). Select Next from Step 2.

![Figure 11: Company Requests Issuer](image)

5. Enter the date that the relationship starts and the date the relationship ends from Step 3 and Select Next.

6. Proceed to submit the relationship request in Step 4. You will see a confirmation message notifying you to log back into HIOS to check the status of your request. To see your TPA relationship(s), select the Manage Organizations link from the welcome drop-down menu, select My Organizations, and select Manage Relationships. Only users who have an administrative role will be able to view the relationships for their organization.

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4 Manage Relationships

Important Information

- Users with an administrative role will receive an email notifying them they need to “approve” a relationship. They can view any relationships that are in the system for that organization on the Manage Relationship page.

1. Select the Manage Organizations link on the HIOS Home Page Welcome Drop-Down.

2. On the Manage Organizations page, select the My Organizations link.

3. Select Manage Relationships (Figure 12).
4. Relationships with a **Pending** status need the other organization’s approval. Relationships with an **Approval Required** need your approval. Select **View Details** to review the relationship details (Figure 13).

5. On the View Details page, you can select **Approve Relationship** if this a valid request or **Deny Relationship** if this is not a valid relationship (Figure 14).
6. You will see a confirmation pop-up related to your choice. Once confirmed, select Manage Organizations to view your organizations and relationships. The relationship requestor will need to check back into HIOS to see if their request was approved.

5 Help Desk Information

Contact the CMS help desk at CMS_FEPS@cms.hhs.gov or 1-855-267-1515 if you have questions about setting up your account.

6 Frequently Asked Questions

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