

Complex Case Web Form User Guide









COMPLEX CASE USER GUIDE WEB FORM

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A. Introduction

A Complex Case is a case involving a single consumer or tax household for which an Assister has been unable to resolve a specific issue on the consumer or tax household's application for Marketplace coverage. Complex Cases are not policy questions or general questions about the Marketplace application. The Complex Case web form allows Assisters to submit a Complex Case for investigation. The form also allows Assisters to report when a consumer communicates that they have been enrolled in a health plan without their knowledge or consent, or that their healthcare plan has been changed without their knowledge or consent.

Federally Certified Application Counselors (CACs) and/or Navigators in a Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM) may submit Complex Cases via the web form. To be considered Federally certified, CACs must have a current CAC certificate issued by a Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO) with an active CMS-CDO agreement. Navigators must be affiliated with a current Federally funded Navigator organization and have a current Navigator certificate. Other individuals, such as Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) staff, Project Officers and Office of Program Operations and Local Engagement (OPOLE) caseworkers, can also submit a complex case.

This User Guide provides instructions for completing the Complex Case web form.

1. Before Starting the Web Form

Before you get started, complete the following actions:

- Confirm that the consumer's contact information is current on their Marketplace application. If the consumer's contact information is incorrect on the application, then select the **Yes** option on the application and add a note in the case summary indicating that the consumer's contact information is incorrect and to contact the Assister for the correct contact information.
- Contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) for assistance in resolving the issue *unless* you are reporting that a consumer has communicated to you that they were enrolled in a Marketplace health plan without their knowledge or consent, or their Marketplace health plan was changed without their knowledge or consent.

Note: Assisters do not have to contact the Marketplace Call Center prior to submitting a Complex Case if you or the consumer are reporting that the consumer was enrolled in a Marketplace plan or had their Marketplace plan switched without their consent. In all other cases, you must contact the Marketplace Call Center before submitting a Complex Case.

- Collect all necessary information:
 - You must complete the Complex Case web form in a single session. You will be able to submit multiple cases in a single session.
 - If you select the Cancel button or close your browser before submitting the web form, you
 will lose all entered data.





- If you are inactive for 30 minutes, the web form will time out, and all your information will be lost.
- Notify the consumer that they will receive a phone call from a caseworker with the Complex Case Help Center (CCHC) and that their response is critical to a timely case response. The call will originate from an 855 area code.

2. Helpful Tips for Completing the Web Form

All pages of the web form contain required and/or optional fields. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*). If you attempt to proceed to the next page of the web form without completing all required fields, the web form will display an error message indicating which fields are required to proceed.

When completing this web form, do not include any personally identifiable information (PII) or protected health information (PHI). There are specific fields on the web form that will ask you to attest that the information you entered and any documents you attached to your submission do not include any PII or PHI.

- PII is information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual. Examples of PII Assisters may collect, disclose, access, maintain, store, and/or use when helping consumers in the Marketplace include name, phone number, email address, birth date, and/or Social Security Number (SSN). (Note: This list is not exhaustive.)
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996 protects all "individually identifiable health information" held or transmitted by a covered entity or its business associate in any form or media, whether electronic, paper, or oral. The Privacy Rule calls this information protected health information (PHI). "Individually identifiable health information" is information, including demographic data, that relates to an individual's past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition; the provision of health care to the individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual and that identifies the individual or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe it can be used to identify the individual.

If including supporting documentation, **do not** submit any medical records or immigration documents. The review team cannot accept and will delete this information from the Complex Case submission. You must redact (black out/white out) any PII from any documentation, letters from the Marketplace, etc. The only information needed to resolve a Complex Case is the consumer's application ID, the phone number used by the consumer or Assister to contact the Marketplace Call Center (if applicable), and the state where the consumer resides. Remember, if the consumer is reporting an unauthorized enrollment or unauthorized plan switch, you do not have to contact the Call Center prior to submitting the complex case. If a consumer reports an unauthorized enrollment or plan change, this information should be noted on the web form and in the case summary.

3. Web Form Navigation Features

The Complex Case web form contains navigational buttons at the bottom of each page. Follow the navigational guidance below to submit your Complex Case information.





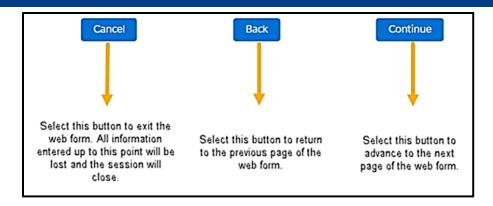


Figure 1: Navigation Buttons

- To exit the web form, select the **Cancel** button. The web form will display a pop-up window asking if you want to exit the web form.
 - Select the **OK** button to continue exiting the web form. If you select this option, you will lose all information entered up to this point, the session will close, and you will have to start the web form over again to submit the Complex Case.
 - Select the Back button to return to the web form.

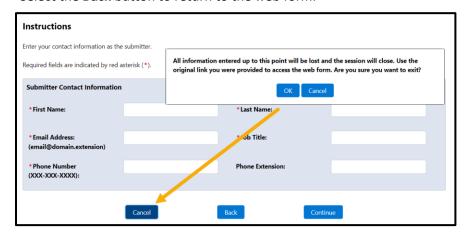


Figure 2: Cancel Button

- To return to the previous page of the web form, select the **Back** button.
- To advance to the next page of the web form, complete all required fields, then select the Continue button.





B. Complete the Complex Case Web Form

The "Welcome to the Complex Case Submission Web Form" page contains an Introduction section describing the web form and the audience. Select the **Begin Form** button to proceed.

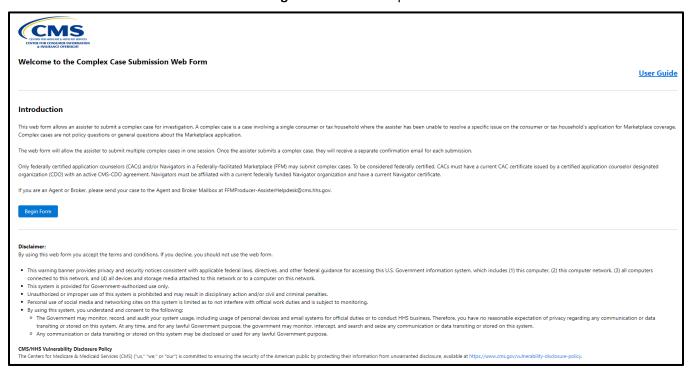


Figure 3: Welcome Page

Contact Information Page

On the "Contact Information" page, you, as the submitter of the Complex Case, will input your contact information and, if another Assister is associated with the complex case, the Assister's contact information on the "Contact Information Page." All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).

Step 1. Complete the Submitter Contact Information section by inputting the following information:

- Your first name
- Your last name
- Your email address in the following format: email@domain.extension
- Your job title
- Your phone number in the following format: xxx-xxx-xxxx
- Your phone extension, if applicable.







Submitter Contact Information				
Before starting this web	o form:			
Collect all necessary information If you select the Cancel butto If you are inactive for 30 min	nutes, the web form will time out and	this web form in a single session. mitting the web form, you will lose a d all of your information will be lost.	all entered data. Genter (CCHC) that their response is critical to tim	ely case respons
Instructions				
Enter your contact information as the	e submitter.			
Required fields are indicated by red	asterisk (*).			
Submitter Contact Information	1			
*First Name:		*Last Name:		
*Email Address: (email@domain.extension)		*Job Title:		
* Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX):		Phone Extension:		
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Figure 4: Submitter Contact Page

- **Step 2.** Complete the first part of the Assister Contact Information section.
 - Enter the Assister's Organization Name in the text field.
 - Select the **radio button** that best describes the type of Assister who helped the consumer with this issue:
 - Navigator
 - Certified Application Counselor (CAC)
 - Other Assister Type Description if you select this option, enter a description of the Assister type in the field provided (e.g., CMS staff, including Project Officers and OPOLE caseworkers).





- Enter the Assister's ID in the Assister ID text field.
 - If the Assister serves as a Navigator, enter a Navigator ID in the format INNAVC1234567. If the Assister serves as a CAC, enter a CAC ID in the format DECDOA1200001.
 - If you select the Other Assister Type Description option as the Assister Type, the web form will not require you to enter an Assister ID.

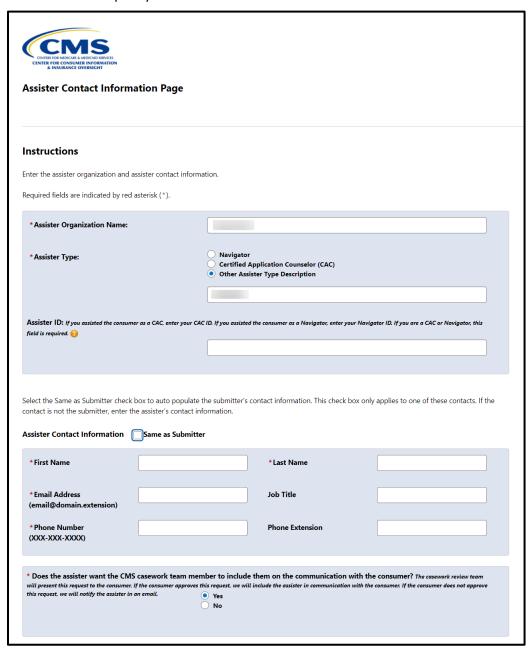


Figure 5: Assister Fields





- **Step 3.** Complete the second part of the Assister Contact Information section.
 - If you are the Assister affiliated with this Complex Case, select the Same as Submitter checkbox to autopopulate your information from the Submitter Contact Information section into the Assister Contact Information section.
 - If you are submitting this web form on behalf of an Assister, input the following information:
 - The Assister's first name and last name
 - The Assister's email address in the following format: email@domain.extension
 - The Assister's job title
 - The Assister's phone number in the following format: xxx-xxx-xxxx
 - The Assister's phone extension, If applicable.
 - Assisters have the option to request to be included in all communication with the consumer regarding
 the Complex Case. Note: If the consumer's contact information is incorrect, the Assister will need to be
 contacted to provide the correct contact information. Select the Yes or No radio button to indicate the
 Assister's preference whether to be included in communication with the consumer.

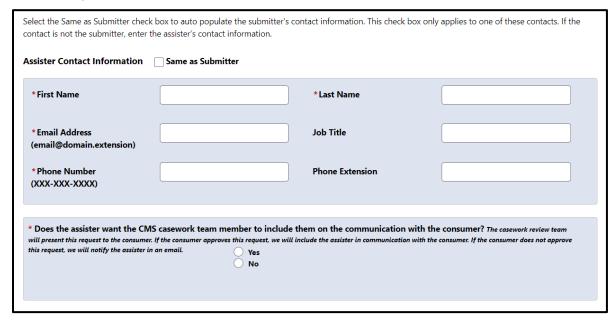


Figure 6: Assister Same as Submitter Checkbox

Step 4. Complete the Project Officer Contact Information section, if applicable.

If you select **Navigator** as the Assister Type, the web form will display the CMS Project Officer Contact Information section.





- If you are the Assister affiliated with this Complex Case, select the Same as Submitter checkbox to autopopulate your information from the Submitter Contact Information section into the Project Officer Contact Information section.
- If you are submitting this web form on behalf of a Project Officer, input the following Project Officer contact information:
 - The Project Officer's first name and last name
 - The Project Officer's email address in the following format: email@domain.extension
 - The Project Officer's job title
 - The Project Officer's phone number in the following format: xxx-xxx-xxxx
 - The Project Officer's phone extension, If applicable.



Figure 7: Project Officer Same as Submitter Checkbox

Step 5. Select the **Continue** button to proceed to the next page of the web form.

2. Screening Questions

The "Screening Questions" page has three screening questions, as shown in the figure below. Answers to these questions determine what part of the form needs to be completed next.





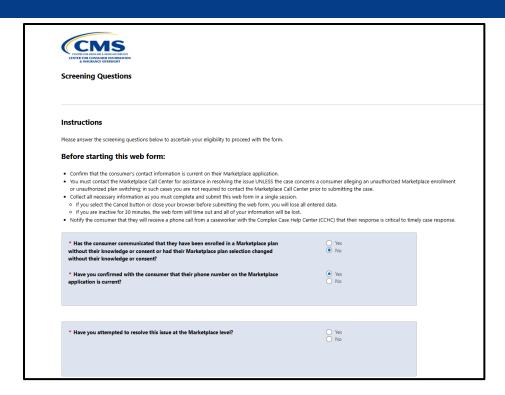


Figure 8: Screening Questions

Step 1. You must answer the first question to report if a consumer has communicated that they have been enrolled in a Marketplace plan without their knowledge or consent, or that their Marketplace plan selection has been changed without their knowledge or consent. A second question will appear after you answer the first question.

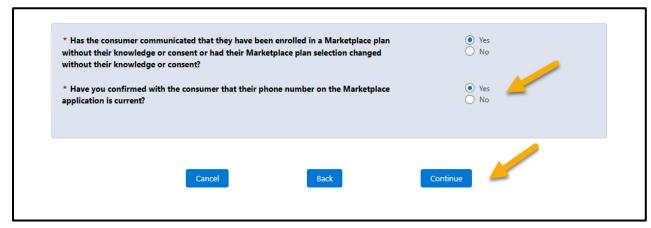


Figure 9: First Two Screening Questions

• If you select **Yes** for the first question, answering the second question is optional. Select **Continue** to proceed to the "Consumer Information Page."





- If you select No, you must answer the second question.
- **Step 2.** Answer the second question, "Have you confirmed with the consumer that their phone number on the Marketplace application is current?"
 - If you select **No**, you will receive a prompt to confirm the phone number listed on the Marketplace application is current before submitting the form.

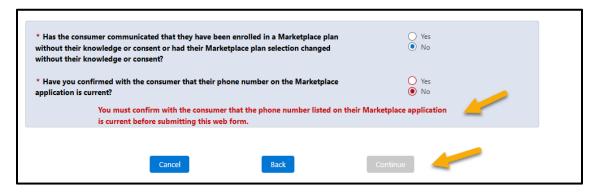


Figure 10: Phone Number Configuration Message

- If you select **Yes**, you must answer the third question.
- **Step 3.** Answer the third question, "Have you attempted to resolve this issue at the Marketplace level?"
 - If you select **Yes**, select **Continue** to proceed to the "Marketplace Call Center Information" page.
 - If you select **No**, you will receive a message to contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 to attempt a first-level resolution before submitting the Complex Case web form. You may not submit a complex case before attempting to resolve your issue through the Marketplace Call Center.

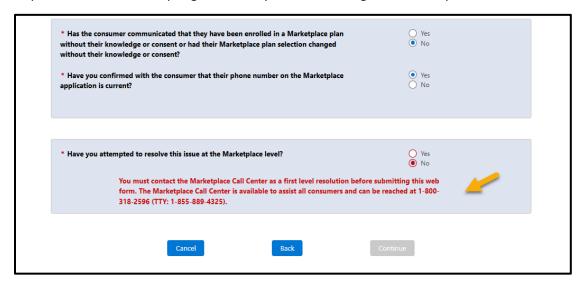


Figure 11: Third Screening Question with Message





3. Consumer Information Page

If you selected **Yes** for Screening Question 1 or 3, indicating that a consumer has informed you they have been enrolled in a Marketplace plan or their Marketplace plan choice was changed without their consent, or you have attempted to resolve the issue at the Marketplace level, you will be directed to the "Consumer Information Page," where you will input information about the consumer involved in the complex case and the complex case itself. All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).

To complete the "Consumer Information Page:"

Step 1. Provide the following information:

- Enter the full Marketplace Application ID. This entry must be nine or ten digits.
- Select the state where the consumer lives from the drop-down menu.
- Enter the city where the consumer lives in the text field.
- Select the Yes, No, or Unknown radio button to indicate whether the case was escalated and assigned a
 Health Insurance Casework System (HICS) case number.
- Note: A HICS case number is assigned to a consumer when a case escalates to a caseworker.
- Enter the HICS case number, if applicable.
- Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to indicate whether the case is medically urgent.
- Enter the name of the issuer company
- Enter the date the issue was identified in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY.
- Enter the date the consumer met or discussed the case with the Assister in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY.
- Enter the date the consumer applied for Marketplace Coverage in the following format: MM/DD/YYYYY.
- Select the **Yes**, **No**, or **Unknown** radio buttons to indicate whether the consumer has an open appeal for the issue reported in this Complex Case.
- Enter the Issuer Appeal Number. The format for this field is alphanumeric.
- Enter the Issuer Appeal Date using the calendar function. The format for this field is MM/DD/YYYY.
- Enter the Marketplace Appeal Number. The format for this field is alphanumeric.
- Enter the Marketplace Appeal Date in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY.

Step 2. Select the **Continue** button to proceed to the next page of the web form.





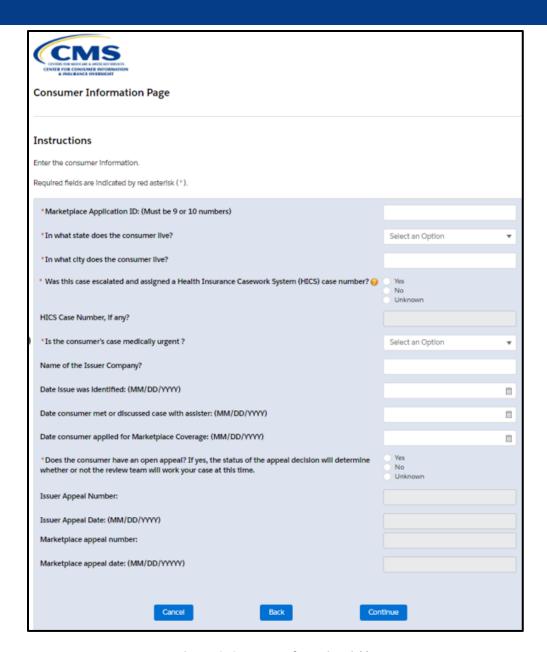


Figure 12: Consumer Information Fields

4. Marketplace Call Center Information Page

If you selected **Yes** for the third Screening Question indicating that you or the consumer have contacted the Marketplace Call Center already, you will be directed to the "Marketplace Call Center Information Page." To complete this page, follow these steps.

Step 3. Answer whether you called the Marketplace Call Center.





Step 4. Enter the following information:

- Date you contacted the Marketplace Call Center.
- The phone number either you or the consumer used to call into the Marketplace Call Center.
- A summary of the Marketplace Call Center discussion.
- Check the box to attest that information entered into the form does not include PHI or PII.
- **Step 5.** Select the Continue button to proceed to the next page of the web form.

Instructions	
Enter the Marketplace Call Center information. Do not include any Protected Health Information (Pl	HI) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII). 🕢
Required fields are indicated by a red asterisk (*).	
* Did you call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325).	Yes No
* When did you contact the Marketplace Call Center? (MM/DD/YYYYY)	m
*Enter the phone number used to call the Marketplace Call Center. (XXX-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
*Enter a summary of the Marketplace Call Center discussion.	
	(8000 of 8000 left)
* I attest that the summary I entered does not include any PHI/PII.	
Cancel	Continue

Figure 13: Call Center Information Page

5. Complex Case Details Page

After completing the "Consumer Information Page" or the "Marketplace Call Center Page," you will be directed to the "Complex Case Details Page," where you will enter a summary of the consumer's issue(s). All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).

WARNING: Do not include any PHI (including medical information) or PII. Any case that contains PHI or PII will not be processed.

To complete the "Complex Case Details" Page:

- **Step 1.** Enter the requested information in each field.
 - Enter specific details about the case in the Complex Case Summary text field. Also indicate if the contact information on the application is incorrect and to contact you for the correct contact information.





- Select the **checkbox** to indicate that you attest that the summary text you entered does not include any PHI or PII. All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).
- Enter the specific results the consumer desires in the Consumer's Desired Results text field. All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).
- Select the checkbox to indicate that you attest that the consumer's desired results summary you
 entered does not include any PHI or PII.
- Select the Yes or No radio button to indicate whether you have any supporting documentation you want to include as part of your Complex Case submission.
 - If you select **Yes**, the web form will navigate to the "Supporting Documents Upload" page.
 - If you select **No**, the web form will navigate to the "Complex Case Summary" page.
- **Step 2.** Select the **Continue** button to proceed to the next page of the web form.



Figure 14: Complex Case Details Page





6. Supporting Documents Upload Page

If you have supporting documentation you want to include as part of your complex case submission, you will upload these documents on the "Supporting Documents Upload Page." You can upload up to five supporting documents for a complex case. All required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).

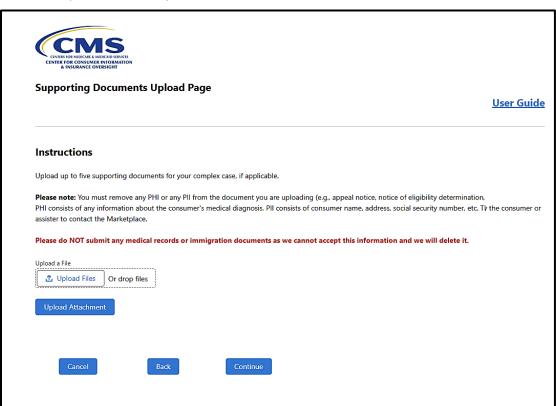


Figure 15: Supporting Documents Upload Page

To upload supporting documentation:

- **Step 1.** Select the Upload Files button and select the file you want to upload or drop the file(s) in the Drop Files area.
- Step 2. Select the **Upload Attachment** button. A popup window will appear when the upload is successful. If a document is uploaded by mistake, select the **Delete** option to remove it.
- **Step 3.** Select the **checkbox** to attest that the documents you uploaded do not include any PHI or PII.
- **Step 4.** Select the **Continue** button to proceed to the next page of the web form.





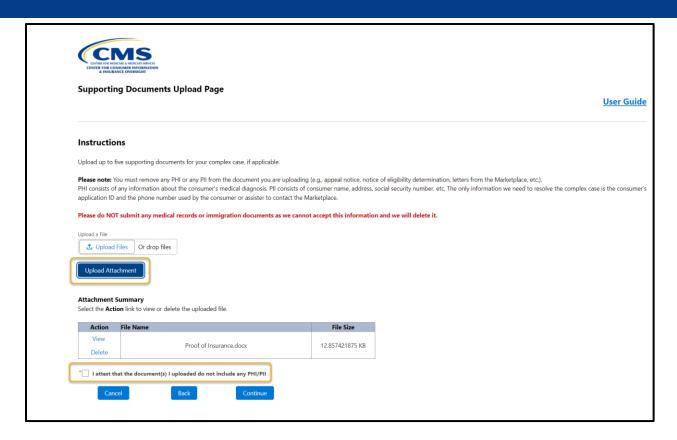


Figure 16: Attachments Upload Options

7. Complex Case Summary Page

The "Complex Case Summary Page" contains all the information you entered on the web form. Review each section for completion. If you need to edit any information, select the **Edit** button next to the section header that corresponds to the section you need to update. Make the changes to the information, as needed, then select the **Continue** button to return to the "Complex Case Summary Page."

Select the **Submit** button to complete your complex case submission or the **Cancel** button to cancel the submission. If you select the **Cancel** button, a popup window will confirm whether you want to cancel all information entered. When confirmed, all information entered up to this point will be lost, and it is not recoverable.



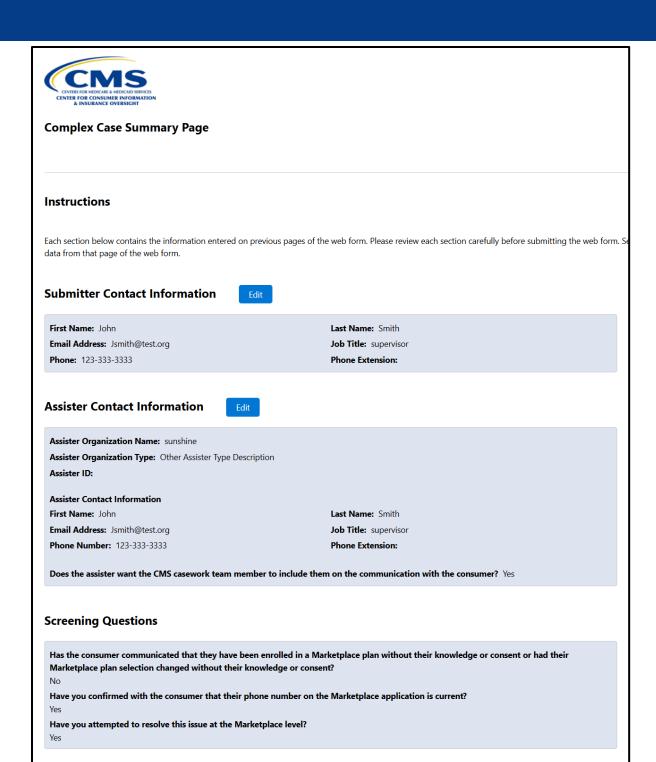


Figure 17: Complex Case Summary Page





Marketplace Call Center Information Edit				
Did you call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325)?				
Yes				
When did you contact the Marketplace Call Center?				
07/07/2025				
What phone number did you call from to reach the Marketplace Call Center? 968-968-9689				
Summary of the Marketplace Call Center discussion:				
I contacted the Marketplace call center prior to submitting a complex case				
✓ I attest that the summary I entered does not include any PHI/PII.				
Consumer Information Edit				
Marketplace Application ID: 123456789				
In what state does the consumer live? North Carolina				
In what city does the consumer live? Wilmington				
Was this case escalated and assigned a Health Insurance Casework System (HICS) case number? No				
HICS case number, if any:				
s the case medically urgent? No				
Name of the issuer company:				
Date issue was identified:				
Date consumer met or discussed case with assister:				
Date consumer applied for Marketplace Coverage:				
Does the consumer have an open appeal? No				
Complex Case Details Complex Case Summary: Complex Case Summary here				
C				
Summary: I attest that the complex case summary I entered does not include any PHI/PII.				
Consumer's desired results: Results desired by the consumer here				
Summary:				
☑ I attest that the consumer's desired results summary I entered does not include any PHI/PII.				
Do you have any supporting documents? No				
Cancel Submit				

Figure 18: Complex Case Summary Page (continued)





8. Confirmation Page

The "Confirmation Page" contains the Submission End Time, Complex Case Number, and the names of the individuals who will receive an acknowledgement email. This page serves as your record for future reference and communication about your complex case submission.

CMS recommends that you download a PDF confirmation for your records.

Note: CMS intentionally excludes the following fields from the PDF to ensure no PHI or PII is included: Marketplace Call Center Summary, Complex Case Summary, and Consumer's Desired Results. Once the CMS casework team reviews your submission, CMS will send a copy of these excluded fields in an email for your records.

To download a PDF confirmation:

- **Step 1.** Select the **Generated PDF Confirmation** button.
- **Step 2.** Save the file for your records.
- **Step 3.** To exit the web form, select the **Exit** button.

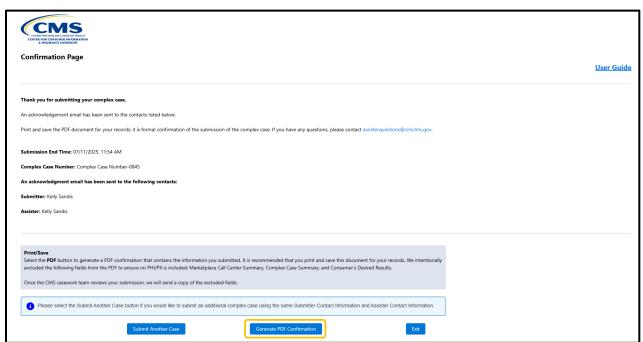


Figure 19: Confirmation Page - Generate PDF Confirmation Button

9. Submit Additional Complex Cases

On the "Confirmation Page" screen, there is an option to submit another case. If you have another case with the same submitter contact information and Assister contact information, select the **Submit Another Case** button. The web form will navigate back to the "Screening Questions" page to create another case.



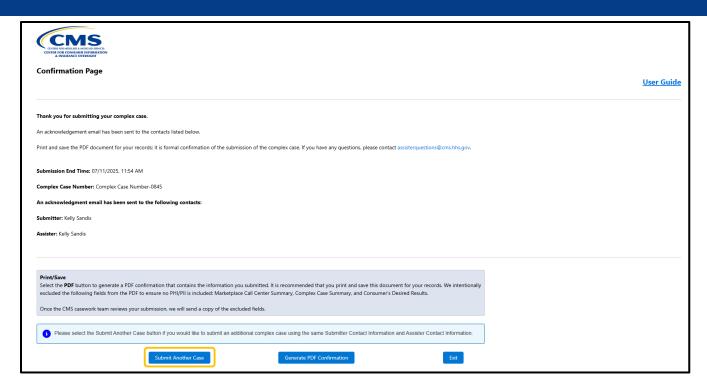


Figure 20: Conformation Page - Submit Another Case Button

If you have any questions, contact Assisterquestions@cms.hhs.gov.