



2023 Agent and Broker Summit

Expanding Your Reach

Utilizing Find Local Help, Help On Demand, and Agent/Broker Recognition Programs to Increase Access to Coverage

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- 01** Overview of Find Local Help and Help On Demand
- 02** CMS Recognition Programs (Circle of Champions, Connecting Consumers with Coverage)
- 03** Growing your Book of Business and Reaching New Consumers
- 04** Live Question and Answer Session



Session Objectives

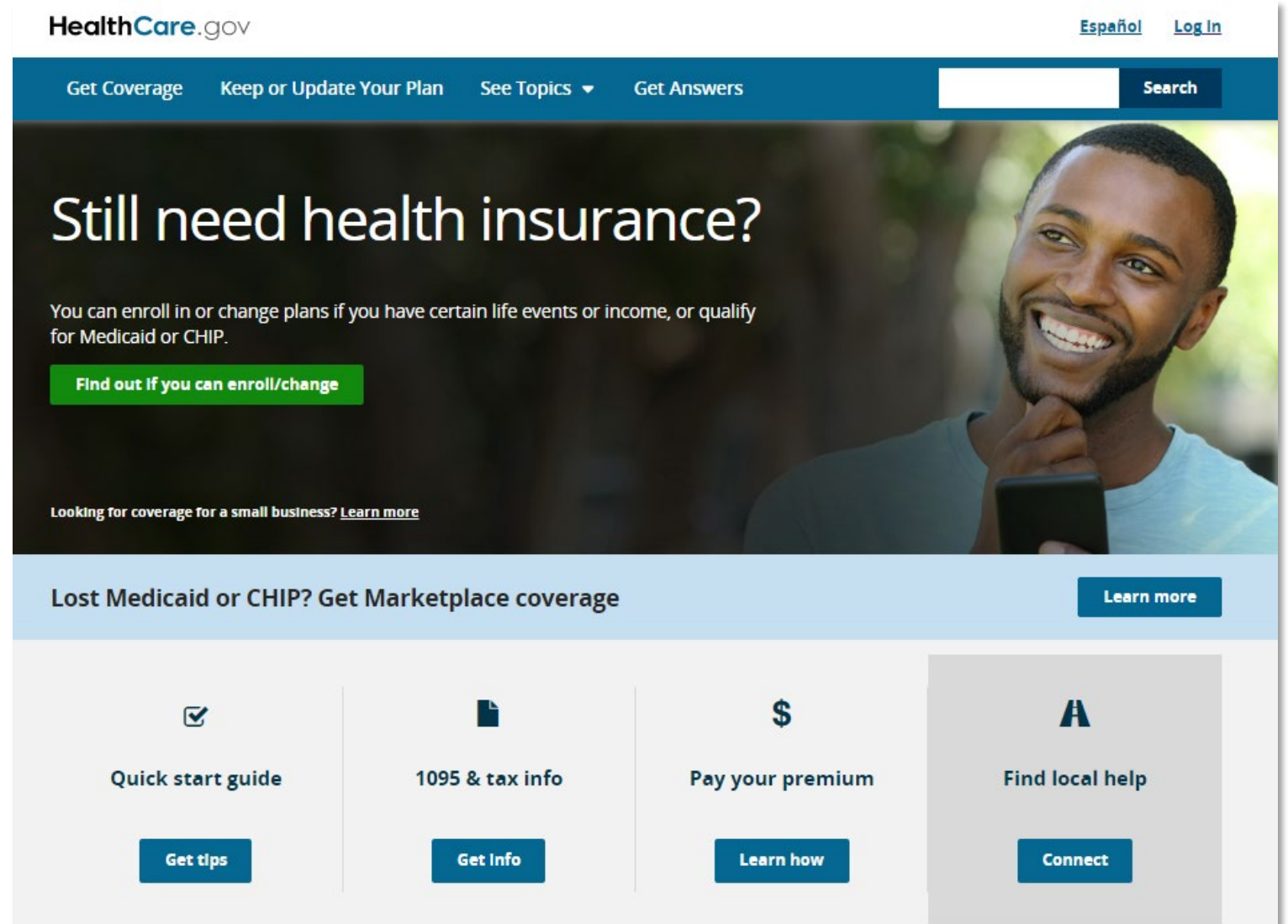
- » Review the Marketplace tools and recognition programs that are available to agents and brokers to help them expand their reach to consumers and grow their book of business.
- » Review changes and updates to the Help On Demand consumer referral program.
- » Understand best practices and tips for reaching consumers in need of Marketplace coverage.



Find Local Help and Help On Demand

Find Local Help and Help On Demand are consumer assistance resources

Consumers can access these tools on HealthCare.gov



The screenshot shows the HealthCare.gov homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Español' and 'Log In'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Get Coverage', 'Keep or Update Your Plan', 'See Topics', and 'Get Answers', along with a search box and a 'Search' button. The main content area features a large image of a smiling man looking at his phone. The headline reads 'Still need health insurance?' followed by a sub-headline: 'You can enroll in or change plans if you have certain life events or income, or qualify for Medicaid or CHIP.' A green button below this text says 'Find out if you can enroll/change'. Below the image, there is a link: 'Looking for coverage for a small business? [Learn more](#)'. A light blue banner below the image says 'Lost Medicaid or CHIP? Get Marketplace coverage' with a 'Learn more' button. At the bottom, there are four cards: 'Quick start guide' with a 'Get tips' button, '1095 & tax info' with a 'Get Info' button, 'Pay your premium' with a 'Learn how' button, and 'Find local help' with a 'Connect' button.

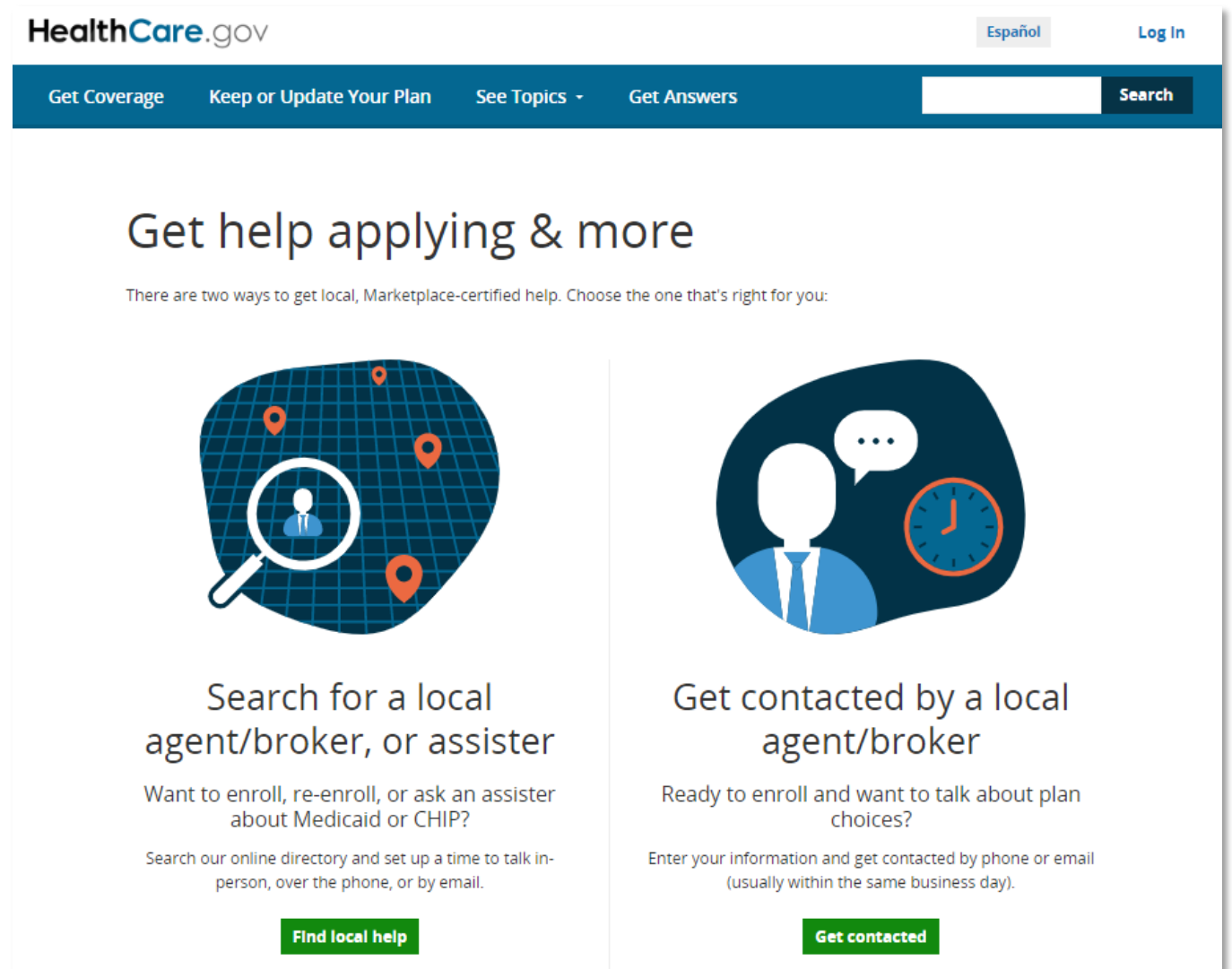
Find Local Help and Help On Demand (continued)

Find Local Help (on the left)

- » Consumers have the ability to search and produce a list of agents and brokers in their area.
- » Consumers then can reach out to an agent and broker directly for assistance.

Help On Demand (on the right)

- » Consumer assistance referral system that quickly connects consumers seeking assistance from Marketplace-registered, state-licensed agents and brokers in their area who can provide immediate assistance with Marketplace plans and enrollments.




The screenshot shows the HealthCare.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Get Coverage", "Keep or Update Your Plan", "See Topics", and "Get Answers". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area features a heading "Get help applying & more" and a sub-heading "There are two ways to get local, Marketplace-certified help. Choose the one that's right for you:". Below this, there are two columns of content. The left column is titled "Search for a local agent/broker, or assister" and includes a magnifying glass icon over a map with location pins. The right column is titled "Get contacted by a local agent/broker" and includes an icon of a person talking to a speech bubble next to a clock. Both columns have a green button at the bottom: "Find local help" and "Get contacted".

HealthCare.gov Español Log In

Get Coverage Keep or Update Your Plan See Topics - Get Answers Search

Get help applying & more

There are two ways to get local, Marketplace-certified help. Choose the one that's right for you:




Search for a local agent/broker, or assister

Want to enroll, re-enroll, or ask an assister about Medicaid or CHIP?

Search our online directory and set up a time to talk in-person, over the phone, or by email.

[Find local help](#)



Get contacted by a local agent/broker

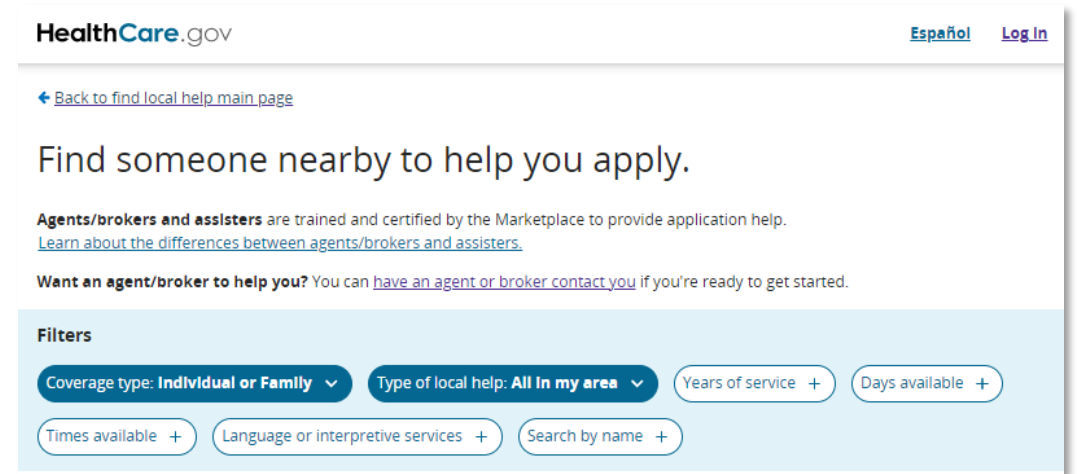
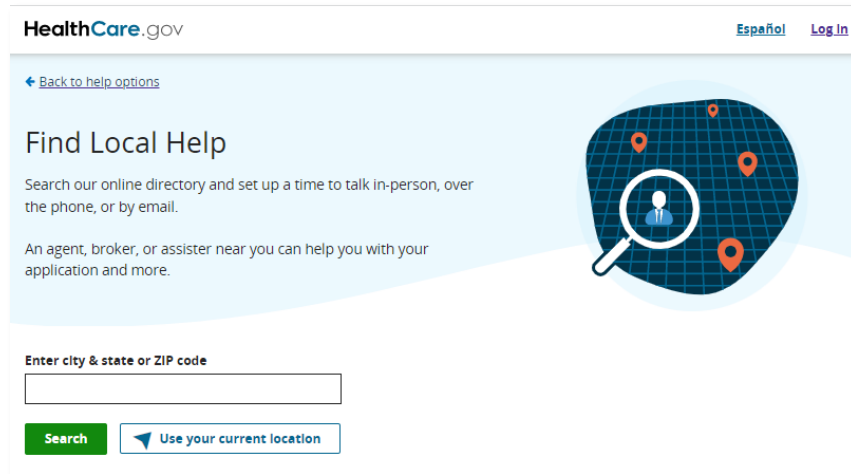
Ready to enroll and want to talk about plan choices?

Enter your information and get contacted by phone or email (usually within the same business day).

[Get contacted](#)

Find Local Help

- » Find Local Help is designed to help consumers find you to assist them with Marketplace applications.
- » After entering their city and state or ZIP code, consumers are presented with a list of results with contact information.
- » Consumers can filter search results by coverage type, assistance type, hours of operation, and minimum years of participation in the Marketplace.
- » The default for display of search results is in order of distance to the centroid of the zip code if the agent or broker has elected to display all of their contact information.



Help On Demand

- » After the consumer enters their contact information on HealthCare.gov, it is sent to Help On Demand where the consumer is matched 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 these 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 message, 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.
- » Participation is optional for agents and brokers who are interested and meet additional program training requirements. CMS monitors performance and suspends agents or brokers who consistently fail to quickly accept referrals.




HealthCare.gov Español Log in

[← Back to help options](#)

Get contacted by an agent or broker

We've partnered with Help On Demand to match you with the nearest available agent or broker licensed in your state.
[Learn more about this service and other ways to get help.](#)



- 1 Tell us where you're located**

We'll find someone in your area to connect with you.

Enter your ZIP code & select your location
- 2 Tell us how to contact you**

Choose your preferred contact method and language.

Preferred Contact Method

Phone
 Email

Preferred Language

English
- 3 Enter your contact info**

An agent or broker licensed in your state will contact you.

First Name

Last name

Phone number

Phone Type

Mobile
Phone rates for calls or texts may apply.
 Home
 Work

Email Address
Optional

Get Ready to Participate in Help On Demand

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

- » Complete Individual Marketplace registration and training and sign the applicable agreements for the current plan year at: <https://portal.cms.gov>.
- » Ensure that you have an active state license and a health-related line of authority (LOA) for each state where you plan to offer assistance with enrollment in Marketplace plans.
- » Confirm that your National Producer Number (NPN) is listed as valid on the Agent and Broker Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Registration Completion List at https://data.healthcare.gov/ffm_ab_registration_lists.
- » You should also elect to display your contact information in your 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.

Participating in Find Local Help and Help On Demand

MLMS settings to be listed in Find Local Help and Help On Demand

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

Local registered agent or broker to assist them with the Federally facilitated Marketplace, including the SHOP

-Select One-

- 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.

Help On Demand User Interface: Availability Settings

Help On Demand in partnership with **HealthCare.gov** JS

Availability

2 Today's Availability: On

1 Hours of Availability Eastern Standard Time

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday - 9 hrs	8	00	AM	-	5	00	PM +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday - 9 hrs	8	00	AM	-	5	00	PM +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday - 9 hrs	8	00	AM	-	5	00	PM +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday - 9 hrs	8	00	AM	-	5	00	PM +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday - 9 hrs	8	00	AM	-	5	00	PM +
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday							

Cancel Save

3 Out of Office

TERMS OF USE /PRIVACY POLICY | CMS PRIVACY NOTICE | FULL LIST OF AGENTS/BROKERS

Help On Demand User Interface: Manage Referrals

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Manage Referrals

Dashboard

Export Data

Profile

Availability Settings

Referrals

Today's Availability: On


Search for Referrals by Status, Date-range or Name.

Search

Total Referrals: 10

Name	Contact Information	Referral Assigned	Referral Expires	Referral Status
Pending Referral	Oxford, Oakland, MI	04/18/2023 01:05 PM	15 minutes	<input type="button" value="Reject"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Accept"/>
Hannah Smith	(888) 888-8888	04/18/2023 01:07 PM		<input type="text" value="Not a Good Referral"/>
Missed Referral		04/18/2023 01:05 PM	Expired	
Gina Green	(222) 222-2222	04/11/2023 03:02 PM		<input type="text" value="In Progress"/>
Brad King	(444) 444-4444	04/11/2023 02:50 PM		<input type="text" value="Referral Completed"/>

Help On Demand User Interface: Manage Referrals (continued)

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Manage Referrals

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Referrals

Search for Referrals by Status, Date-range or Name.

Clear Today 1w 1m 1y Date Range
Eastern Standard Time ▾

Status
all ▾
Enter Search Criteria

Search

Total Referrals: 29

Name	Contact Information	Referral Assigned	Referral Expires	Referral Status
Missed Referral		04/18/2023 09:35 AM	Expired	

Notifications

On

ALERT! Missed Referral

You have missed 1 referral in the last 7 days. As a reminder, you must accept a referral within 15 minutes of receiving your notification. Missed referrals are sent to the next available Help On Demand agent/broker.

Success to Date



14,000+ agents and brokers participated in Help On Demand during Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2023 – an 8% increase from just over 13,000 participating agents and brokers during PY2022.



73% of agents and brokers who took the CMS Help On Demand survey indicated that they are very likely to participate in Help On Demand in PY2024.



Nearly 60% of agents and brokers said their businesses grew as a result of Help On Demand during both PY2022 and PY2023.

What is the Marketplace Circle of Champions?

The Marketplace Circle of Champions is an **annual recognition program** for Marketplace-registered agents and brokers who assist at least **20 consumers** with active enrollments in Marketplace coverage during Open Enrollment.

- » Agents and brokers are major contributors to the Marketplace and important partners for CMS.
- » As such, CMS created this program to recognize the hard work, expertise, and service of agents and brokers

There are three Circle of Champions recognition levels for agents and brokers:



Circle of Champions

Agents and brokers who complete 20-99 active enrollments



Elite Circle of Champions

Agents and brokers who complete 100-499 active enrollments



Elite Plus Circle of Champions

Agents and brokers who complete 500+ active enrollments

How do I qualify for the Circle of Champions?

To be eligible and qualify for the Circle of Champions, agents and brokers must have:

- » Completed the current-year Marketplace registration and training requirements for agents and brokers
- » A valid National Producer Number (NPN)
- » An approved, active health-related line of authority in the states in which they're licensed to operate
- » Assisted at least 20 active new enrollments and/or re-enrollments in Marketplace coverage during Open Enrollment

Active enrollments are counted by individual member and not groups or policy (e.g., if you help enroll a family of four, you receive credit for four enrollments).

- » Active enrollments through any Marketplace pathway – including HealthCare.gov, the Marketplace Call Center, and private websites via Direct Enrollment (DE) or Enhanced Direct Enrollment (EDE) – count toward qualification for the Circle of Champions.
- » **IMPORTANT:** For enrollments to count, your clients **must include your NPN on their Marketplace application**

Benefits of the Circle of Champions

If you achieve Circle of Champion status at any of the three levels, you will receive a recognition package with the following materials:

- » Appreciation letter from CMS
- » Personalized certificate of recognition
- » Commemorative digital badge
- » Digital and social media toolkit

Recognition materials can be used to promote your accomplishment among your peers and within your community.

Connecting Consumers with Coverage

- » The Connecting Consumers with Coverage Program recognizes agents and brokers who assist 20 or more consumers transitioning from Medicaid/CHIP coverage to Marketplace coverage from February 2023 through June 2024. Agents and brokers recognized by the program will receive a certificate and promotional recognition materials to use for marketing.
- » These materials will include a digital toolkit that contains social media posts and a badge for agents and brokers to include in their email signatures and other applicable marketing messages.

