

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM (SHOP)

Marketplace

SHOP Marketplace Agent & Broker User Guide

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The Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Marketplace on HealthCare.gov has an agent/broker portal that allows agents and brokers to manage and help clients with their online application, enrollment, and renewal. To work with the SHOP Marketplace, all agents and brokers must keep an active SHOP Marketplace registration. As an agent/broker, you must complete the SHOP Marketplace Agreement on the Marketplace Learning Management System (MLMS) and an identity verification process on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Enterprise Portal.

For details on how to complete the SHOP Marketplace registration and training requirements for agents and brokers, visit CMS.gov/cciio/programs-and-initiatives/health-insurance-marketplaces/a-b-resources.html.

When you complete the SHOP Marketplace registration requirements, you'll need to create a searchable profile on the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal to start helping clients in the SHOP Marketplace. Visit https://doi.org/10.1007/html/healthCare.gov/marketplace/small-businesses/agent to log into the portal with your Marketplace User ID and password.

Help Employers Enroll in the SHOP Marketplace

You should follow the same process as employers to complete a SHOP Marketplace application. You can complete the entire application on behalf of the employer and do the same things that an employer can do, except for making payments. Follow the steps below to help employers enroll. For more detailed instructions to help employers enroll, visit Marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/enroll-in-shop.pdf. Remember, employers have to give you authorization before you can help them in the SHOP Marketplace.

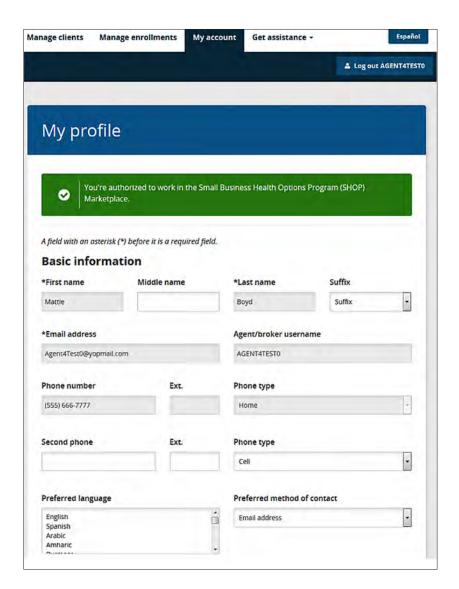
Create a profile on the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal

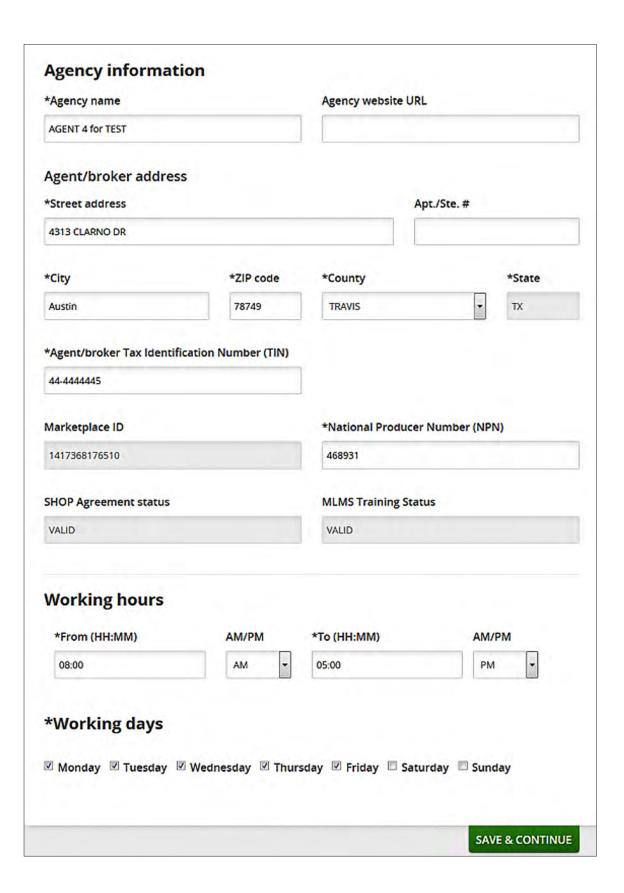
Log into the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal. Visit <u>HealthCare.gov/marketplace/small-businesses/agent</u>, and enter your CMS Enterprise Portal User ID and password. Select **LOG IN**.





You must keep an active profile on HealthCare.gov to work with the SHOP Marketplace. On the **My Profile** page, enter basic information about you and your agency. All required fields are marked with an asterisk (*). All employers will be able to access this information.

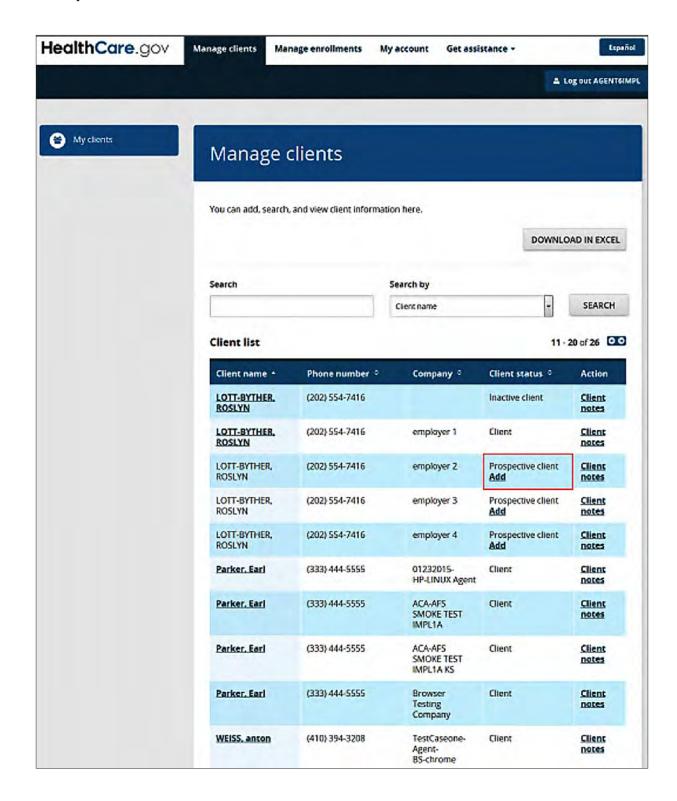


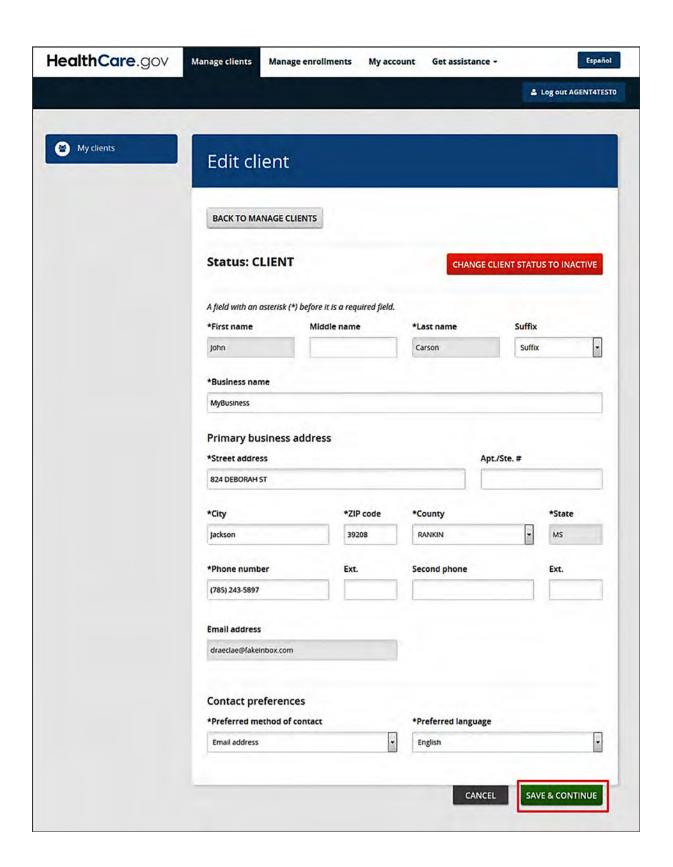


Add a client

You can add clients only after the employer requests an authorization. To add an employer:

- Select the Manage clients tab. On the My clients page you'll see a list of your clients.
- Select Add under the Client status field. The client's status should be Prospective client.
- On the Edit client page you'll see the employer details.
- Select Add to enter an employer. On the My clients page, the client's status will change from Prospective client to Client.





Review client list

In the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal, you'll see a list of your existing clients. When you have authorization from an employer, you can make edits to a specific employer's information and sort by client name, phone number, company name, client type, or client status. You can also add client notes to an employer's account.

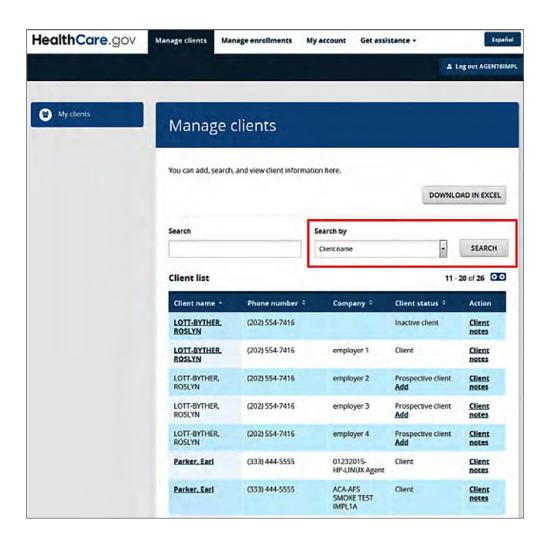
Employers can authorize an agent or broker by selecting the **Get assistance** tab and searching for a list of agents and brokers registered to work with the SHOP Marketplace by location, name, or National Producer Number (if available).

To review your list of clients, select the **Manage clients** tab. On the **Manage clients** screen, select the drop down menu under the **Employer** tab.

Select one of these search criteria from the drop down menu:

- Client name
- Phone number
- Company
- Client status

Select **Search**. You'll see the employer's information in the search results. If the employer isn't found, you'll see an error message. You can select other search criteria from the drop down menu to try again.

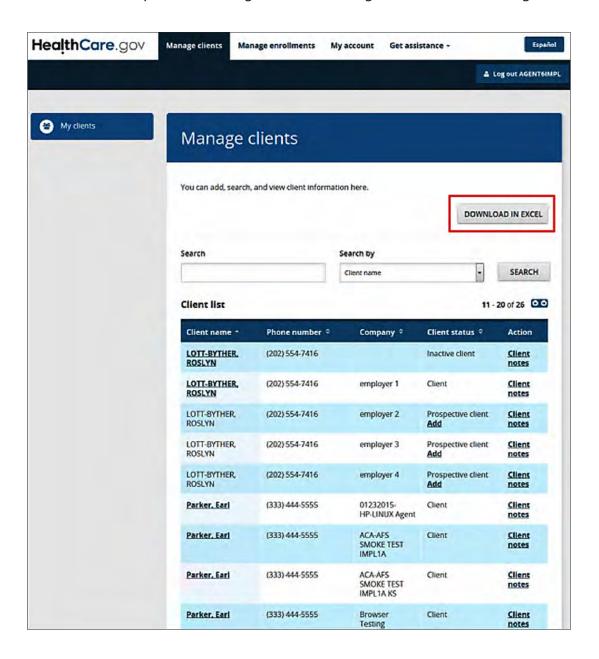


Download a client list

On the **Manage clients** page, you can view a list of your authorized clients. You have to get an authorization from an employer before they can become a client. Once an authorization is requested by an employer, you can log into your account to accept or decline the pending authorization. If you accept the pending authorization, that employer will appear on your client list. You can download a list of existing clients in Microsoft (MS) Excel .xls format. To download a list of clients:

- Select the Manage clients tab. On the My clients page, you'll see a list of your clients.
- Select **DOWNLOAD IN EXCEL**. Choose the file you want and confirm.
- After the file downloads, you can save it to your computer.

Note: The 1997-2003 Excel templates are available to download on the employee roster page. Only the 1997-2003 MS Excel file can be uploaded. You'll get an error message if the file isn't in the right format.



Create a Proposal

You can create a proposal for your client to review through the SHOP Marketplace Agent/Broker Portal. If the employer gives you authorization, you can use the proposal to create an enrollment for your client.

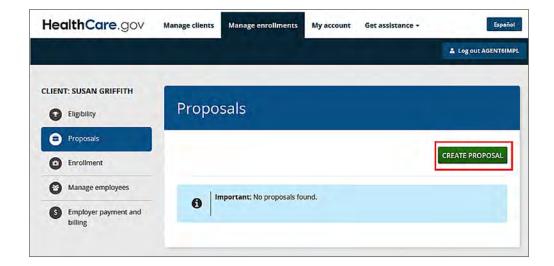
To create a proposal:

- Select Proposals under the Manage Enrollments tab.
- Select Create Proposal.

The steps you'll take to create a proposal are the same steps you would take to create an enrollment. For more information on the enrollment application, visit marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/shop-employer-enrollment-user-guide-2016.pdf. You can also watch the SHOP Marketplace enrollment video for employers at YouTube.com/watch?v=zz3wZY3VJmQ.

Once the proposal is created, save it and send it to your client for review and approval.

NOTE: If your client reviews the proposal and wants to make any changes, you'll have to create a new proposal.

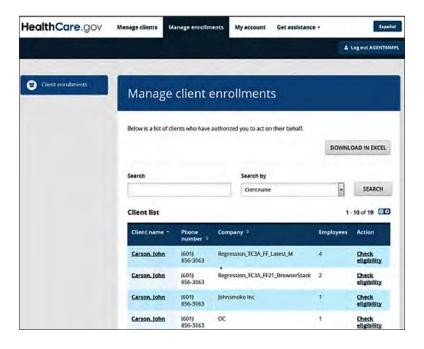


Create an Enrollment

You can help with the enrollment process after you've accepted the employer's pending authorization to become your client. The employer must take the first step to request authorization. Once the employer gives authorization, you can create an enrollment proposal or finish the employer's enrollment application that's already started. Remember, you can only create an enrollment for an employer if the employer gives you authorization.

To create an enrollment from a saved proposal:

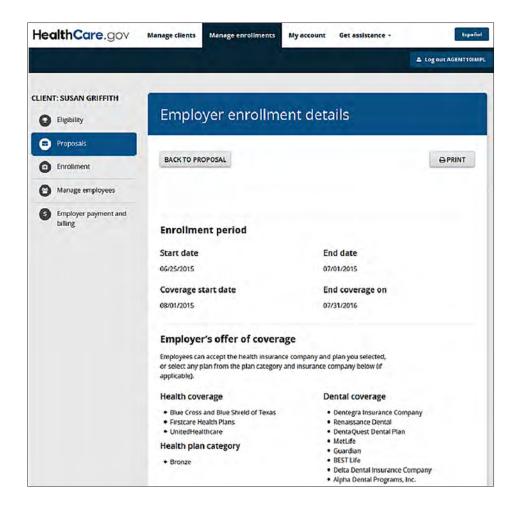
- Select the **Manage enrollments** tab. On the **Client enrollments** page, you'll see a list of your clients.
- Select **Check eligibility** under the **Action** field of the client list for a specific employer.
- On the **Proposals** page, you'll see the saved proposals for the selected employer.
- Select the VIEW DETAILS button on the Proposals screen to see the Employer Enrollment Details page.





Create an Enrollment (continued)

Select CREATE ENROLLMENT on the Employer Enrollment Details page to confirm your selection and return back to the Client enrollment page.



Coverage selected for employees



Important: It's your responsibility to ensure that all your employees get information about how to enroll in a health plan through SHOP.

Health coverage

nsurance Carrier	Total estimated cost	Annual deductibles	Estimated employer contribution	Estimated employee contribution
BEST Calife MST Uld and Health Insurance Company BEST Dental Choice-L PPO LOW coverage category	\$23.74	Not applicable per person Not applicable per family	\$11.87	\$11.87

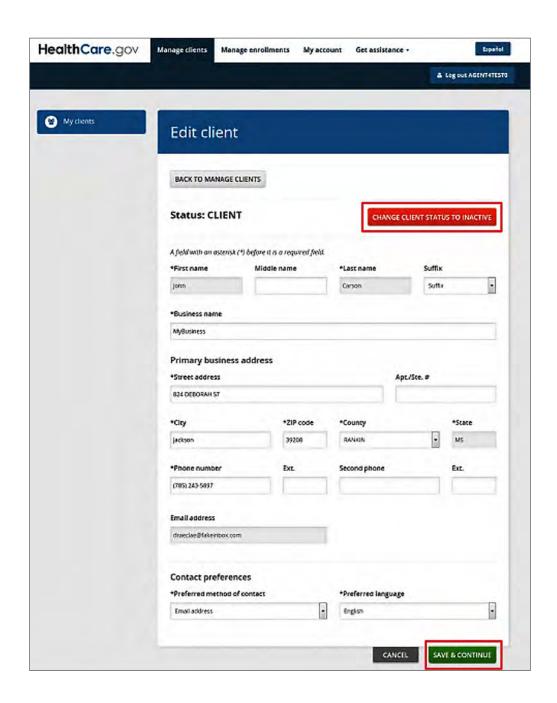
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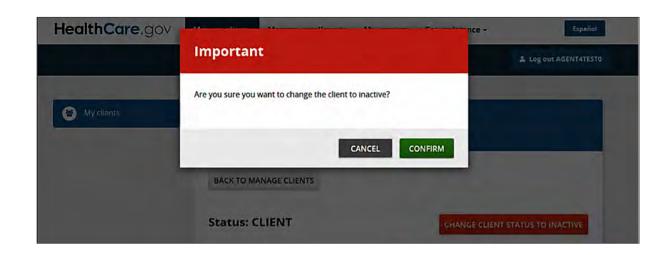
Change an Employer's Authorization Status

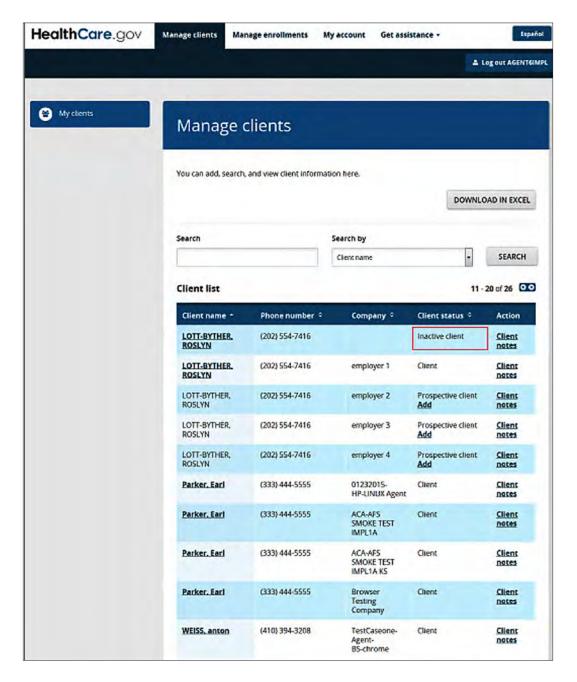
If an employer's authorization status is **INACTIVE**, you can update it to **ACTIVE**. If an employer decides not to use your services, the employer's status will automatically update to **INACTIVE**.

To change an employer's authorization status:

- Select the Manage clients tab. On the My clients page, you'll see a list of your clients.
- Select the employer's name under the Client name field. On the Edit client page, you'll see employer details.
- Select CHANGE CLIENT STATUS TO INACTIVE. You'll get a confirmation that the employer's status has changed.
- Select SAVE & CONTINUE to see the updates.





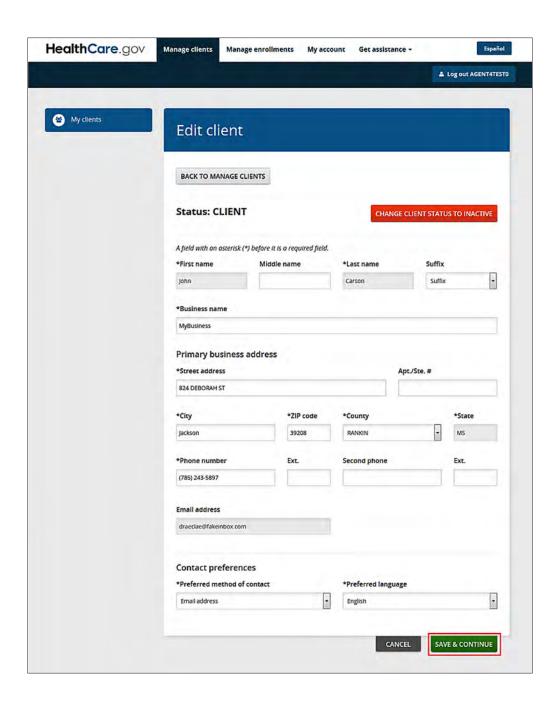


Edit an Employer's Information

You can edit an employer's information once you've added the employer as a client. **Remember, an employer must authorize you before you can help them in the SHOP Marketplace.**

To edit an employer's information:

- Select the Manage clients tab. On the My clients page, you'll see a list of your clients.
- Select the employer's name under the Client name field. On Edit client page, you'll see employer details.
- Select SAVE & CONTINUE to confirm the changes.

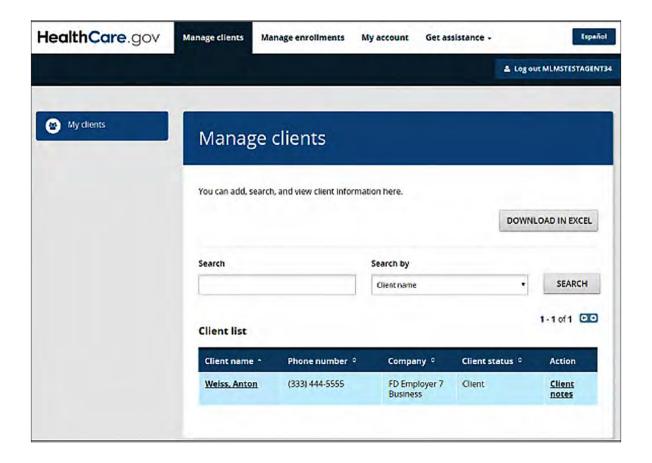


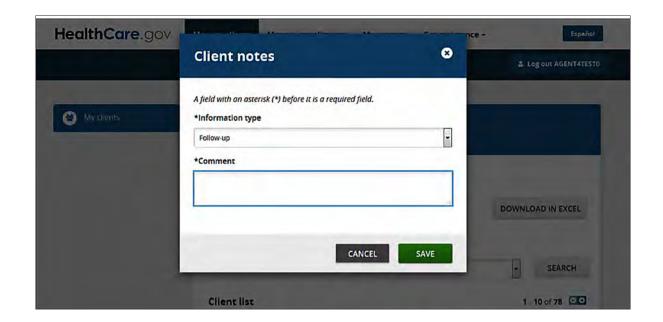
Add Client Notes

You can add client notes for any employer that you're working with. To add client notes:

- Select the **Manage clients** tab to see a list of your clients.
- Select Client notes in the Client list under the Action field to view the Client notes dialog box.
- Select the type of notes to be entered from the **Information type** drop down menu.
- Enter your comments in the Comments box, and select SAVE.

You can follow this same process to review your notes. You'll see saved comments in the Comments text box.





Have Questions or Need Help?

For more information on the SHOP Marketplace, visit <u>HealthCare.gov/small-businesses</u>. You can also contact the SHOP Call Center at 1-800-706-7893, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (ET). TTY users should call 711 to reach a call center representative.

If you have questions about the Health Insurance Marketplace for individuals and families, contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.





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