

# Producer News

## Upcoming Events:

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Tuesday 10/15/13	Chevy Chase Citizens Association
Wednesday 10/16/13	DC Health Link Disability Community Leadership Summit
Wednesday 10/16/13	ANC Leadership Summit - Wards 1 and 2
Thursday 10/17/13	DC Chamber of Commerce/DC Health Link Business Education Session
Thursday 10/17/13	Congress Heights Community Training and Development Corp. (Ward 8) – Open to the Public
Sunday 10/20/13	St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
Sunday 10/20/13	Sister to Sister: The Women's Heart Health Foundation (Open to the Public)
Sunday 10/20/13	Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party
Tuesday 10/22/13	AARP DC Tele-town Hall Meeting
Tuesday 10/22/13	Broker Training: EBCA DC Health Link Policy Training

## Are you a DC Health Link Registered Broker?

There are currently over 140 approved and registered DC Health Link Brokers who have already successfully started quoting business for either individual or small groups through DC Health Link.

In order to sell health insurance through DC Health Link, brokers will need to complete a request for registration. This registration will include contact and business information

that will be included in our broker directory and displayed on DC Health Link.

All registration requests should be submitted after the following have been completed:

- ◆ Obtain District resident or non-resident producer license
- ◆ Obtain appointments with all carriers as required
- ◆ Complete DC Health Link Policy Training

- ◆ Complete DC Health Link Website Training

Registration requests will not be approved unless all of the above requirements are met. Once the above requirements have been completed, a broker can register to sell insurance on DC Health Link at: <https://app.dchealthlink.com/NavigatorNS/AppController.do>

## Required: DC Health Link Website Training - Now Available

As of today, 488 brokers completed the DC Health Link Policy training, which is absolutely amazing.

Additionally, I am, pleased to announce the DC Health Link Website Training is now available. This is the second part of the required training that will take approximately 2 hours and is only available online.

Once you have taken the DC Health Link Policy Training, you will receive an email advising you

that an account has been created for you on the DC Health Link training platform. It will then give you login details that will include your Username. You will get to choose your own password. You will then need to login and complete your DC Health Link Website Training at the designated link found within the email that is relative to your specific login details.

REMEMBER – this online DC Health Link Website Training is required in order to sell through DC Health Link.

## “Free Pass Period”

Originally, we had referenced the timeframe of “November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup> with a January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, effective date of coverage time period as a “free pass” for groups with regard to participation and contribution requirements. As we explained, this was the time periods built into the regulations.

To make it less cumbersome, DC Health Link has expanded these dates.

The Free Pass period is for coverage beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>. For 2014, that means employers have between October 1 and November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to complete their enrollment process. Employee open enrollment periods must be complete by December 10, with payments received by December 12, 2013.

During this time period, employers are not required to meet the minimum contribution limits or participation levels. Those apply at all other times of the year. The participation requirement is 2/3 of all eligible employees, not including valid waivers. The minimum contribution amount is 50 % of the cost of the single coverage for the reference plan. For small groups, there is no minimum contribution amount required for dependents; however, if the employer chooses to do so, they must make this available to all.

## DC Health Link

### Key Dates:

- ◆ **October 1, 2013**—Open Enrollment Began (Individual and Small Group)
- ◆ **January 1, 2014**—Coverage can start (Individual & Small Group)
- ◆ **March 31, 2014**—Individual open enrollment ends.
- ◆ **Small Group open enrollment continues throughout the year.**