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## Nevada's Exchange Pilots Broker/Agent Grant Program Orientation Regarding Application and Program Details Scheduled for May 15

Carson City, Nev. – The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), Nevada's state agency that helps individuals obtain budget-appropriate health coverage through the online marketplace, [Nevada Health Link](http://NevadaHealthLink.com), has released a Request for Application (RFA) grant for a pilot broker and agent program.

Five grants of up to \$10,000 for each brokerage will be awarded to insurance professionals for this upcoming plan year to assist with marketing, outreach, and operational costs related to enrolling consumers in qualified health plans to provide outreach and operational funding to licensed brokers and agents.

Licensed brokers and agents interested in applying for the grant must attend a mandatory orientation from **10 a.m. to noon on May 15, 2017** in person at the Exchange's Henderson and Carson City offices, or by teleconference. The application deadline is May 31, 2017.

"The goal of this grant program is to increase the number of in-person insurance professionals to assist eligible Nevadans with seamlessly enrolling in qualified healthcare marketplace plans," said Heather Korbolic, executive director of the Exchange. "The hundreds of licensed brokers and agents within our state are valued partners of the Exchange and to consumers in need of affordable quality health insurance plans."

For Plan Year 2018, the timeframe of Open Enrollment has been shortened to 45-days from November 1, to December 15, 2017, due a recent Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) final Market Stabilization rule. With the shortened enrollment period, the Exchange will rely more than ever on community partners, navigators, and licensed brokers and agents to assist with outreach and enrollment. To that end, piloting a Broker Pilot Store Front Program to offset costs and increase opportunities for brokers to service Nevada consumers will be another innovative step in the Exchange's enrollment strategy. More details about the application and orientation may be found by clicking on ***RFA – Instructions for Grants for Resident Producers Pilot Store Front Program (SFYY17)*** at <https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/sshix/resources/>, or by contacting Broker Liaison, Rebecca Lomazzo at [rlomazzo@exchange.nv.gov](mailto:rlomazzo@exchange.nv.gov).

The Exchange was established per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) in 2011 by the State of Nevada, and operations began in 2013, on the belief that all Nevadans deserve access to health insurance. Nevada Health Link, the state-based online marketplace, supported by [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov), allows Nevadans to shop for health insurance and provides federal tax credits and subsidies to help cover the cost of insurance for those who qualify. For more information about health insurance offered through Nevada Health Link, call 1-855- 768-5465, visit [www.nevadahealthlink.com](http://www.nevadahealthlink.com), subscribe to Nevada Health Link's blog, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

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