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## **Nevada Exchange Continues Broker/Agent and Navigator/In-Person Assister Grant Program for Plan Year 2019**

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 announced it is once again rolling out its broker/agent grant program for plan year 2019. In May, licensed brokers and agents were invited to apply for the program by providing detailed outlines on how they plan to use the funds for marketing, outreach and operational costs associated with storefront locations where they can assist consumers in selecting and enrolling in qualified health plans appropriate for their needs and budget.

“The Exchange’s broker and navigator partners are a critical component for Nevadans who are looking for free in-person assistance. Selecting health insurance can be an intimidating and complicated process, so these storefront locations are vital, providing in-person, hands-on assistance for those who prefer to speak directly with a professional as they make this important decision,” said Heather Korbolic, executive director of the Exchange. "Last year, we saw great success with this program, credited for connecting thousands of consumers to affordable health insurance. For plan year 2019, we are pleased to expand the program by awarding five brokers and 11 navigator/in-person assister entities throughout the state, nearly doubling the number of grantees we had last year. By expanding the program and adding locations in rural areas like Pahrump, we expect more consumers will take advantage of in-person assistance to make a well-informed decision and ultimately purchase a plan that best meets their health needs."

Open Enrollment for plan year 2019 starts on November 1 and runs through December 15, 2018. Consumers who plan on shopping or re-enrolling in the marketplace are encouraged to start their research and planning process early. Below are the 2018-2019 awardees. Those interested in purchasing insurance with the assistance of a broker or agent can call and make an appointment with these professionals at any time.

The brokers/agents awarded grants are:

- Christopher Carothers of Carothers Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Alberto Ochoa of Smart Buy Insurance, Inc.
- Nathan Kamo of Kamo Insurance Agency
- Brian Douglas of ProtectHealth Ins.
- Brent Leavitt of Battle Born Financial Advisor

In addition to the broker/agent grantees, three new in-person assister grantees have been issued awards, totaling 11 Navigator/In-Person Assister organizations:

- Asian Community Development Council (ACDC)
- Community Strong 702
- Nevada Outreach Training Organization/No to Abuse/Pahrump Family Resource Center
- State of Nevada Office of Consumer Health Assistance – Las Vegas & Elko
- Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican Hospitals
- Consumer Assistance and Resource Enterprise (CARE)
- Asian Community Resource Center (ACRC)
- Three Square
- Community Health Alliance (CHA)
- Hope Christian Health Center
- Nevada Health Centers

To locate a broker or agent in a specific neighborhood, consumers should use the in person assistance search tool. For additional assistance, call 1-855-7NVLINK (1-855-768-5465) or email [CustomerServiceNVHL@exchange.nv.gov](mailto:CustomerServiceNVHL@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](#) and [YouTube](#) channel, like them on [Facebook](#) or follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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