

Highmark Plan Advisor

Producer Quick Reference Guide



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Highmark Plan Advisor

The Highmark Plan Advisor provides an easy-to-use, online interface that automates the small group quote-through-enrollment process for new enrollment. It saves time, reduces paperwork, and has up-to-date information – at the member and account levels – of where each person is in the enrollment process.

IMPORTANT

Do not use the **browser Back**  button while in this application; use the Plan Advisor Back Button  feature! In addition, remember in order for data to be saved, you must click either Save or Save and Continue before using the Plan Advisor Back feature. Minimum computer resolution for the application is 1024 X 768.

Access Highmark Plan Advisor

Logon Instructions

Use these steps to access Highmark Plan Advisor.

1. Access Highmark Producer Portal
2. Click **Producers** tab



3. Enter **Login ID** and **Password**

4. Click **Go**
The **Producer Portal** window appears
5. Click **Manage Small Group Coverage**
The **Highmark Plan Advisor** window appears

Notification Received	Date	Case Name	Case Type	Notification
5/25/2010	5/25/2010	The Test Company	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter
5/25/2010	5/25/2010	Company, Inc.	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter
5/25/2010	5/25/2010	The Small Business	Renewal	Accepted final rates
5/25/2010	5/25/2010	MediStar, Inc.	Renewal	Accepted final rates
5/25/2010	5/25/2010	Other Company	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter

Or

From the New Business tab:

1. Click **Mange Small Group Coverage**
The **Highmark Plan Advisor** window appears

Effective Start Date	Submission Date	Case Name	Case Type	Notification	Case In Progress
8/31/2011	8/15/2010	The Small Business	New Enrollment	Submit Due Date Expired	Resend
8/15/2011	8/15/2010	Company, Inc.	Renewal	Rates Available	Info/Help
8/15/2011	8/15/2010	The Test Company	New Enrollment	Update To Employee Info	Info/Help

Plan Advisor Features

The dashboard provides online status tracking, quoting, message alerts, updates and more.

Panel Navigation

Use the left panel to navigate the Plan Advisor application: Return to Home, Administrator (Only for Producer with Admin Rights), Request a Quote, Review Cases in Progress, Review Submitted Cases, Check Final Quotes, or Review Archived Cases.



Message Center <Future Release>

The Message Center is the communication center.



- **Info Requests** – Require immediate attention and action
- **Messages** – Email Messages

Your Workload <Future Release>

The Your Workload section provides a summary of Cases in Progress, Cases Submitted, and Final Quotes.

Your Workload	Cases in Progress:	Cases Submitted:	Final Quote:
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Quick Search Feature <Future Release>

The Quick Search feature, located in the top right corner of the home page, enables users to search for Cases in Progress, Cases Submitted to Highmark, Final Quotes or Archived Cases. User also has the ability to enter specific search criteria in the text box.

Quick Search

Cases in Progress Final Quote
 Submitted to Highmark Archive

Case Name, Client Name, etc.

1. Click **checkbox** of desired results
Or
Enter **text**
2. Click **Search**
The **Search Results** window appears

Immediate Action Required

The Immediate Action Required section provides a listing of cases that are time sensitive and require attention. Items are listed in order of time sensitivity. Information displayed in this section includes: due date, case name, case type (renewal – **future release functionality** or new enrollment) and the notification description.

To access case:

1. Click **Case Name**
Note: Click **Column Header** to sort.

Immediate Action Required				
Notification Received	Due Date	Case Name	Case Type	Notification
5/25/2010	5/26/2010	The Test Company	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter
5/25/2010	5/26/2010	Company Two	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter
5/25/2010	5/26/2010	The Small Business	Renewal	Accepted final rates
5/25/2010	5/26/2010	NewStartup, Inc.	Renewal	Accepted final rates
5/25/2010	5/26/2010	Other Company	New Enrollment	Reply to underwriter

Recent Activity

The Recent Activity section provides a listing of the most recent cases worked. Case in Progress indicator keeps you informed on case progress.

1. Click **Case Name**

Effective Start Date	Submission Due Date	Case Name	Case Type	Notification	Case In Progress
03/01/2011	01/01/2010	The Small Business	New Enrollment	Submit Due Date Expired	Renewal
07/01/2011	06/01/2010	Company Two	Renewal	Rates Available	Step 4 of 6
07/01/2011	06/01/2010	The Test Company	New Enrollment	Update To Employee Info	Step 5 of 6
08/01/2011	07/02/2010	NewStartup, Inc.	Renewal	Rates Available	Step 4 of 6
08/01/2011	07/02/2010	Other Company	New Enrollment	Update To Employee Info	Step 1 of 6
09/01/2011	08/02/2010	NewBiz LLC	Renewal	Rates Available	Step 4 of 6

Note: Suspended cases are indicated by a red progress bar, e.g. if the submission due date expired.

Section 1 – Request Quote

Basic Info

Request Quote steps remain the same, enter:

- Basic Information
- Company Information
- SIC Code
- Census

Note: These tabs appear on the left side of the Request Quote window.

1. Click **Request Quote**

The **New Case** page appears

Request Quote
Request Quote

New Case

Company Information

SIC Code

General

Has this business prospect been enrolled in Highmark coverage within 12 months of the requested effective date?
 Yes No

Does this client have union representation already enrolled with Highmark?
 Yes No

Is the Company a United Concordia Client?
 Yes No

Type of Business:

Effective Date:

In the claim:
 (see Company)

Employees (not including COBRA)
 Total Number of Eligible Employees:
 Total Number of Employees Enrolling:
 Total Number Enrolling Employees within the Highmark service area:

2. Enter data
3. Click **Save and Continue**

Save and Continue

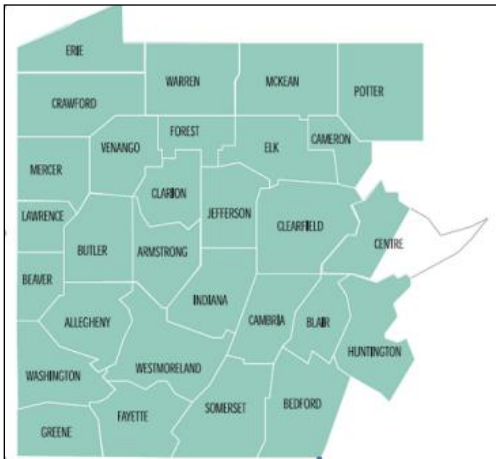
Company Information

The **Company Information** window appears

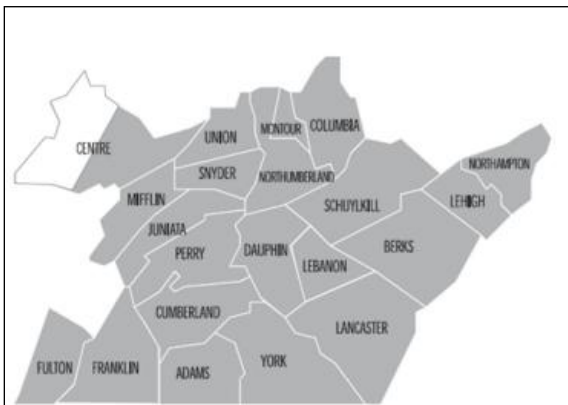
1. Enter **Company Name**
2. Enter **Zip Code**, county will populate

Note: If Zip code is shared between counties, select appropriate county from the dropdown. These maps have been provided as a reference and **are not** part of Plan Advisor.

In Area Western Region



In Area Central Region



3. Enter **Contact Information**, optional
4. Select **Current Carrier** from dropdown
5. Click **Save and Continue**

SIC Code

The **SIC Code** window appears

1. Enter **SIC Code**

Or

Select **SIC Code** using all three dropdowns

Note: Cannot proceed without valid SIC code.

2. Click **Save and Continue**

Census – Upload

The **Census** window appears

Note: Follow process used today.

1. Section A – Verify Eligible Employees

2. Section B - Click **Here** (Download the Employee Spreadsheet Template)

Note: There's been a modification to the Template, the last column now indicates In Area rather than Out of Area.

Or

Click **Upload** to upload a Census.xls file



The **Census listing** window appears

Last Name *	Status *	In Area *	ME *	DOB *	Coverage Cat *	Actions
Employee 1	Active	Y	M	5/01/1955	Two Person	
Employee 2	Active	Y	E	5/01/1955	Individual	

Edit or Delete records using Action Icons



Note: Table edits are completed in Section C.

3. Click **Submit for Illustrative Quote**



Census – Manually Add

In Section C, add entries manually or edit Census entries.

Note: Employees' last names are not necessary to receive an illustrative quote.

1. Enter **Last Name**, optional
2. Select **Status** (Active, COBRA)
3. Select **Gender**
4. Enter **Date of Birth** (MM/DD/YYYY)
5. Select **Coverage Category** (Individual, Family)
6. Select **In Area** (Yes, No)
7. Click **Add**



The **Census listing** window appears

Last Name *	Status *	In Area *	ME *	DOB *	Coverage Cat *	Actions
Employee 1	Active	Y	M	5/01/1955	Two Person	
Employee 2	Active	Y	E	5/01/1955	Individual	

Edit or Delete records using Action Icons



8. Click **Submit for Illustrative Quote**



The **Illustrative Quote** window appears



Illustrative Quote Process – Medical, Dental, Vision Selection(s)

The Illustrative Quote page displays an individual tab for Medical, Dental, Vision, when appropriate. Two additional tabs Summary of Selections and Proposal Builder will help you to complete the Illustrative Quote process.

1. Click **checkbox** to the left of individual product listing to select **individual** products

Or

Click **checkbox** next to Product Information to select **all** products



Note: Click on **Product Name** for Product details.

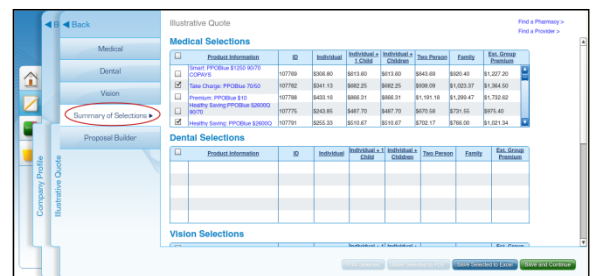
2. After making product selections, your actions on this window include:

- Print Selected
- Save Selected to PDF
- Save Selected to Excel

Note: Only the **Save Selected to Excel** option is active at this time.

3. Click **Save and Continue**

The **Illustrative Quote Summary of Selection** window appears



Illustrative Quote Summary of Selections

This window provides a Summary of Selections to include in your Proposal.

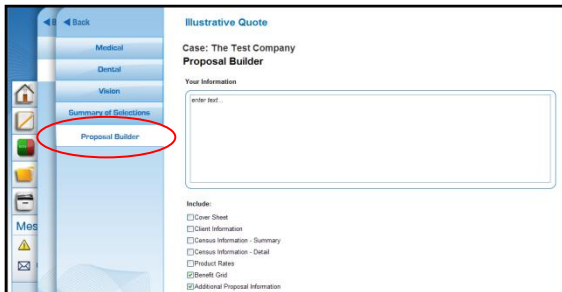
Options from this window include:

- Print Selected
- Save Selected to PDF
- Save Selected to Excel

Note: Only the **Save Selected to Excel** option is active at this time.

1. Click **Save and Continue**

The **Illustrative Quote Proposal Builder** window appears



Illustrative Quote Proposal Builder

This window displays the Illustrative Quote Proposal Builder.

Options from this window include:

- Print Selected
- Save Selected to PDF

Note: Only the **Save Selected to PDF** option is active at this time.

1. Click **Continue to Company Profile**



The **Company Profile** window appears

Note: The Company Profile displays all six (6) Sections associated with the Case, along with your progress while completing the steps within each section.

Section 2 – Plan Selections and Employer Website

Once the case has been entered, multiple parties have the ability to update the case. As a Producer, you may choose to complete some or all of the six sections shown below. However, you will be responsible for completing Sections one, two, three and six, as applicable.

Note: Sections/Steps **must be** completed sequentially!



Plan Selections and Employer Website

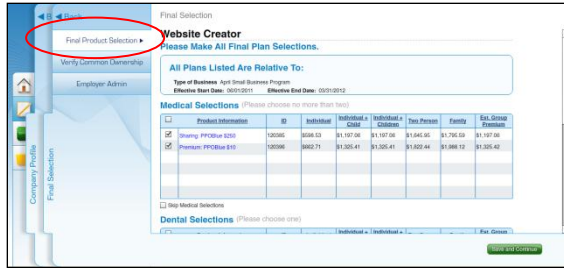
As a Producer you will be **required** to complete Final Plans Selection and Publish Employer Site; Re-verify Common Ownership is optional. This section is not available to an Employer.



You will work with the Employer to pick Medical, Vision, Dental products and make the final selection(s).

1. Click **Final Plans Selection**

The **Website Creator** window appears



Note: Click on **Product Name** for Product details.


- Click in the **box** to the left of individual product listing to select **individual** products

Or

Click in the **box** next to Product Information to select **all** products

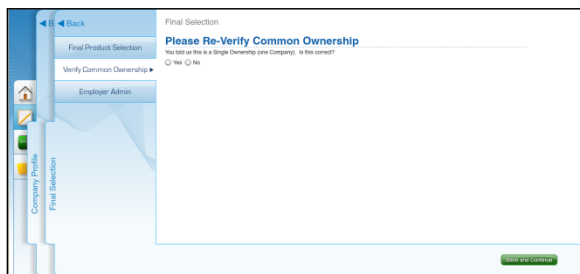


Note: Click on **Product Name** for Product details. If Employer doesn't want any of the products showing in the window:

- Click **Back**  to return to Section 1 – Illustrative Quote
 - Reselect** products
- Or**
- Select **Skip Selection** to continue

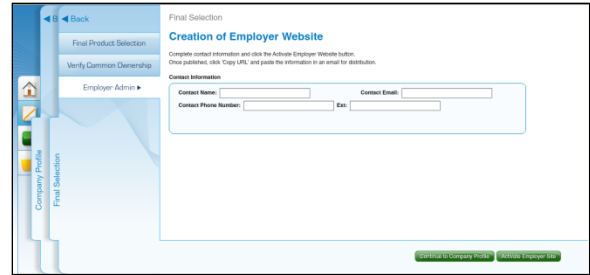
- Click **Save and Continue**

The **Re-verify Common Ownership** window appears



- Click the **appropriate radio button** to re-verify ownership
- Click **Save and Continue**

The **Employer Admin Tab** window appears



- Enter **Contact Name**
- Enter **Email**
- Enter **Telephone number/extension**

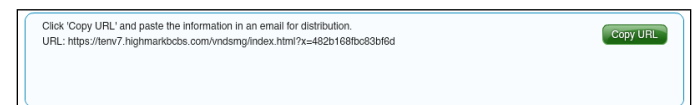
IMPORTANT: Before clicking the Activate Employer Site button, confirm all data is correct. Edits cannot be made; you will need to start the process all over from the beginning!

- Click **Activate Employer Site**

Activate Employer Site

Publish Employer Site

The Website Creator screen refreshes and generates a link to a website specific to and to be used solely by the Employer. As a Producer you have the choice to continue to fill in the employer information using Plan Advisor under your Producer Portal Login ID or provide the link to the Employer.



To provide the link to the **Employer**:

- Click **Copy URL**
- Copy URL**
- Go to your Email and paste the link into an Email message addressed to the Employer
 - Send Email to Employer
 - Click **Continue to Company Profile**

Section 3 – Prepare Employee Site

Prepare Employee Site, is a Producer/Employer page. This can be completed by the Producer or Employer.

Note: This section must be complete before employees begin the enrollment process.

Prepare Employee Site

Warning this section will only be editable until you create the Employee Site.

3

Section

Progress

Policy Information and COBRA*	Incomplete
Publish Employee Site	Incomplete

1. Click **Policy Information and COBRA**
The **Group Eligibility/Enrollment Policy Information** window appears

Group Eligibility/ Enrollment Policy Information

1. Do you wish to cover Domestic Partners?
 Yes No

2. Do you wish to cover Act 4 Dependents - no age 30?
 Yes No

3. Number of hours employees must work per week to be considered full-time eligible for coverage:

4. New employees are eligible to enroll first of the month following:
 (New Date:

5. Do you have any existing/unsettled COBRA participants?
 Yes No

6. How many full-time equivalents did you employ in the preceding calendar year?
 Program Type: Mini-COBRA

[Continue](#)

The questions appearing on this window will drive the questions that Employers/Employees must complete.

1. Answer all questions
2. Click **Save and Continue**

The **Final Product Selection and Publish Employer Site** window appears

Final Product Selections and Employee Website Creation

All Plans Listed Are Relative To:
 Type of Business: Agent Small Business Program
 Effective Start Date: 08/01/2011 Effective End Date: 08/31/2012

Create the Employee Website
 Click the Activate Employee Site button to create the website.
 Once published, click Copy URL and paste the information in an email for distribution.

Product Information	ID	Individual	Individual + Child	Individual + Children	Two Person	Family	Ext. Child
Primary: PPOBlue 500	120086	\$088.03	\$1,187.08	\$1,187.08	\$1,645.95	\$1,795.09	\$1,187.08
Planets: PPOBlue 510	120086	\$082.71	\$1,325.41	\$1,325.41	\$1,822.44	\$1,968.12	\$1,325.42

[Continue to Company Profile](#) [Publish Employee Site](#)

3. Review Final Product selections

IMPORTANT: Before clicking the Activate Employee Site button, confirm all data is correct. Edits cannot be made; you will need to start the process all over from the beginning!

4. Click **Activate Employee Site**

[Activate Employee Site](#)

Publish Employee Site

The Website Creator screen refreshes and generates a link to a website specific to and to be used solely by the Employee. As a Producer you have the choice to continue to fill in the employee information using Plan Advisor under your Producer Portal Login ID or provide the link to the Employer who can distribute the URL to the Employees.

Click 'Copy URL' and paste the information in an email for distribution.
 URL: <https://tenv7.highmarkbcbs.com/vndsmg/index.html?x=482b168fbc83bf6d>

[Copy URL](#)

To provide the link to the **Employee Link to the Employer:**

1. Click **Copy URL**
2. Go to your Email and paste the link into an Email message addressed to the Employer
3. Attach the **Employee Quick Reference Guide** to the Email
4. Send Email to Employer
5. Click **Continue to Company Profile**

Section 4 – General Information

The General Information section captures Company Information, Other Insurance, Employer Medical Contribution, COBRA and Mini-COBRA and Other Product Information.

Note: This Section can be completed by the Producer or the Employer.

General Information	
Section	Progress
Company and Signor*	Incomplete
MSP Information*	Incomplete
Other Insurance*	Incomplete
Employer Medical Contribution*	Incomplete
COBRA (Federal or Mini)*	Incomplete
Other Products*	Incomplete

Enrollment Status	Progress
Current Complete	2
Current Incomplete	0
Current Waivers	0

Total Employees Registered	2

[Mark Enrollment Complete](#)

Update Company Information

1. Click on Company and Signor

The **Company Information** screen appears

2. Complete information on the following screens:

- Company Information
- MSP Information
- Other Insurance
- Employer Medical Contribution (Only displays if selecting a Medical Product)
- COBRA and Mini COBRA
- Other Products

3. Click **Save and Continue** on **each** screen

The **Company Profile** window appears

Section 5 – Enrollment Status

The Enrollment Status window displays the number of complete, incomplete applications and also indicates employees who have waived coverage.

Note: It includes all employees that have registered via the Employee site, as well as, any applications that the Employer and/or Producer started.

1. Click **Enrollment Status**

The **Census** window appears

The Producer, Employer or Employee will be able to enter Enrollment information. Producer and Employee are able to enter Medical History information.

Note: Employers will not be able to enter, edit, or view Medical History.

Add Employees – Producer or Employer is Providing Enrollment Information

1. Enter **Last Name**

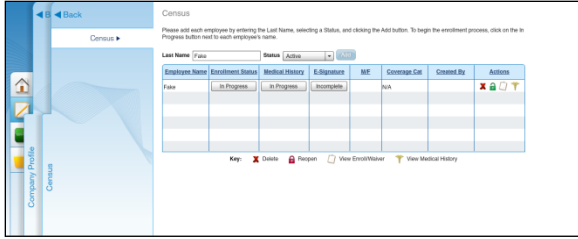
Last Name Status Select One

2. Select **Status** from dropdown

3. Click **Add**

4. **Repeat** for each employee

5. This page summarizes everyone on the Census at a quick glance and displays individual progress, as well as, employee gender and coverage (individual, family, etc.)



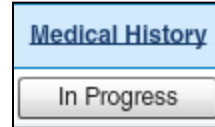
Delete, Reopen, View/Enroll Waiver, View Medical History records using Action Icons



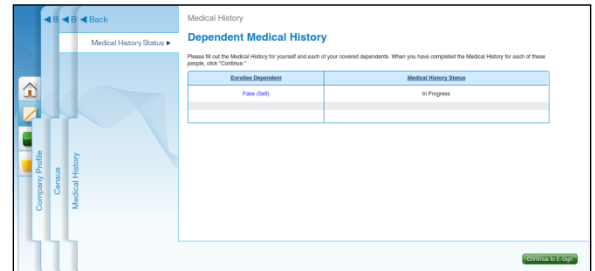
Save and Continue from the last page of Enrollment will direct you to the Medical History page.

Or

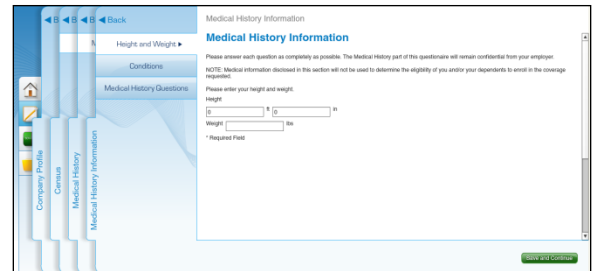
1. Click **In Progress**



The **Dependent Medical History** window appears



2. Click desired **Employee Name**

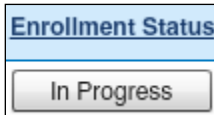


3. Complete the information on the following screens:
 - Height and Weight
 - Conditions
 - Medical History Questions
4. Click **Save and Continue** on each screen
5. Click **Continue to E-Sign**

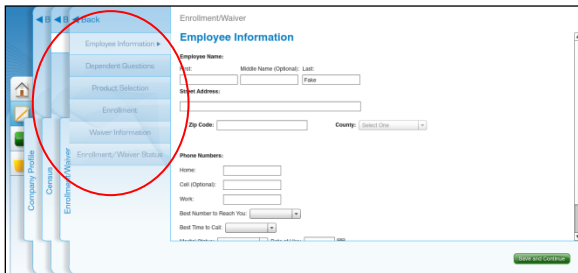


Complete Enrollment Status

1. Click **In Progress**



The **Employee Information** window appears



2. Complete the information on the following screens:
 - Employee Information
 - Dependent Questions
 - Product Selection
 - Enrollment
 - Waiver Information
 - Enrollment/Waiver Status
3. Click **Save and Continue** on each screen

Complete Medical History

Note: If the employee does not have access to a computer, the Producer can enter Medical History on their behalf.

Complete Electronic Signature

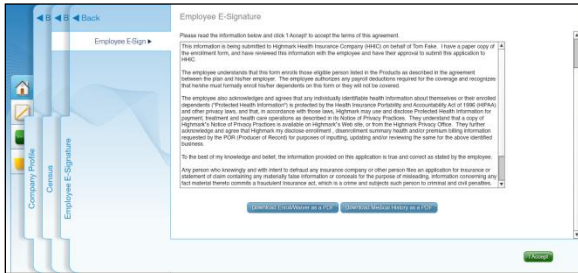
Save and Continue from last page of Medical History will direct you to the E-Sign page.

Or

1. Click **Incomplete**



The **Employee E-Signature Terms** window appears



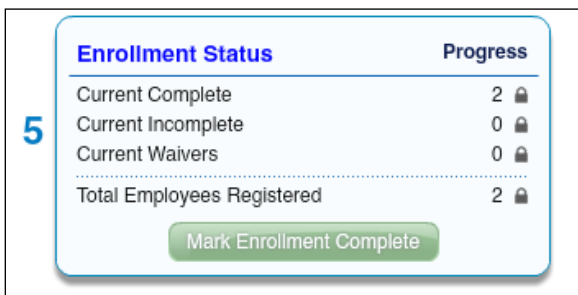
1. Click **I Accept**



Note: This completes the employee's enrollment process.

Once the Producer/Employer verify that all employee data has been entered:

1. Click **Mark Enrollment Complete**



Section 6 – Final Information

Prepare for Submission to Highmark

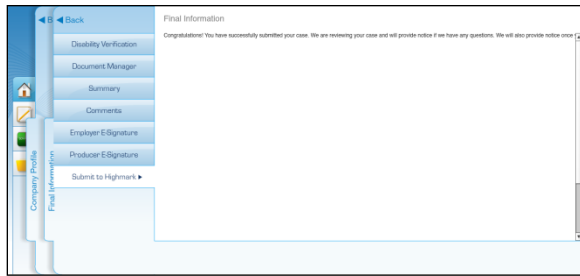
This is the final step in the process.

Final Information	
Section	Progress
6 Disability Information*	Incomplete
Tax and Supporting Documents*	Incomplete
Employee Summary*	N/A
Producer Comments	Optional
Validate Employer E-sign*	Incomplete
Producer E-sign*	Incomplete
Validate Errors and Submission	Incomplete

1. Click **Disability Information**
2. Complete the information on the following screens:
 - Disability Verification (If table is blank, there are no disabled employees)
 - Document Manager (Must upload a PDF of all necessary documentation, e.g. tax documents)
 - Summary (Automatically completed – View Only)
 - Comments (Optional to provide comments to Highmark once the case is submitted)
 - Employer E-Signature (Only needs to be completed by Producers if signing on the behalf of the Employer)
 - Producer E-Signature

Note: Western enters Producer Number, Central enters Agency ID.
3. Click **Save and Continue** on each screen
4. Click **Submit**

The **Final Information confirmation** window appears



Note: If you receive a failed validation message, you **must** correct the items before your case can be submitted. See 'How to Edit Locked Information'.

Cases in Progress

Review Cases

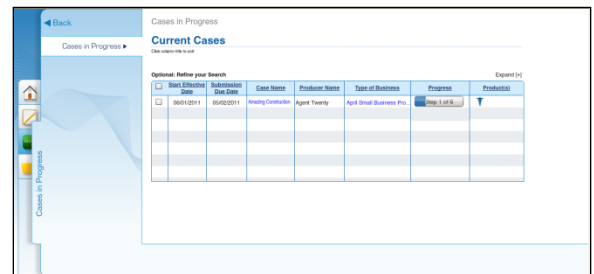
As a Producer you may need to see all of your Cases in Progress.

To review Cases in Progress:

1. Click **Cases in Progress**



The **All Cases in Progress** window appears

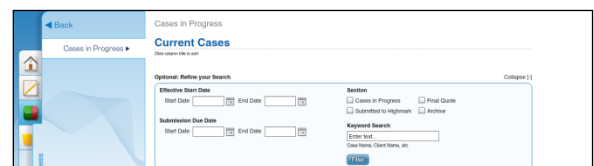


This window provides: Case Effective Start Date, Submission Due Date, Case Name, Producer Name, Type of Business, Progress, and Product(s) selection.

Search Options <Future Release>

Users also have the ability to perform a more advanced search by using **Optional: Refine Your Search**.

1. Click Expand [+]



The **Refine Your Search** window appears

Date Search <Future Release>

Search either by Effective or Submission Date.

1. Enter **Effective Start Date** and **End Date**
Or

How to Edit Locked Information

Prior to submitting the case to Highmark, the Producer can Reopen and edit Sections 4, 5, and 6, as necessary.

From the Company Profile:



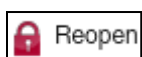
1. Click **Reopen**



Note: This will void Producer/Employer E-Signatures so another E-Signature will be required.

If edits need to be made to Employee Information:

1. Click **Enrollment Status** – Section 5
2. Click **Red Lock** icon



Note: This will void the Employee E-Signature so another E-Signature will be required.

Enter **Submission Due Date; Start and End Date**

Effective Start Date	
Start Date <input type="text"/>	End Date <input type="text"/>
Submission Due Date	
Start Date <input type="text"/>	End Date <input type="text"/>

2. Click **Filter**



Cases that match the criteria appear on the bottom half of the screen.

Section Search <Future Release>

User has the ability to search one or all types of cases.

1. Click **checkbox(s)** of desired cases

Section	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cases in Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Quote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted to Highmark	<input type="checkbox"/> Archive

2. Click **Filter**

Cases that match the criteria appear on the bottom half of the screen.

Key Word Search <Future Release>

Keyword Search feature enables users to search for Cases in Progress, Cases Submitted to Highmark, Final Quote or Archive Cases. User also has the ability to enter specific search criteria in the text box.

1. Enter **text**

Keyword Search
<input type="text" value="Amazing Construction"/>
Case Name, Client Name, etc.
Filter

2. Click **Filter**

Cases that match the criteria appear on the bottom half of the screen.

Submitted to Highmark

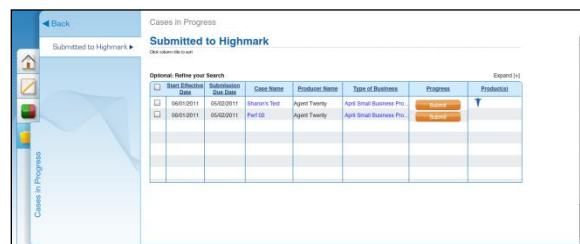
Review Cases

As a Producer you may need to see the cases that you have submitted to Highmark.

To review Submitted Cases:

1. Click **Submitted to Highmark**

The **Submitted to Highmark** window appears



This window provides you with the Case Effective Start Date, Submission Due Date, Case Name, Producer Name, Type of Business, Progress, and Product(s) selection.

Search Options <Future Release>

Note: The Case Search options for **Submitted to Highmark** work exactly the same as those for **Cases in Progress**.

Administrator

Administrators are able to see all cases related to their agency and they have rights to make edits to any of those cases. They also have rights to assign other Producers to a case. In Central, Preferred Agencies can see all cases within their agency, as well as, assign a Standard Agent to a case.

Note: Producers without Admin rights will only see cases that have originated by and are assigned to them.

Add Assignee to Case

Administrator Producers can add a new Producer to a case in the event someone goes on vacation, wants to redistribute the work, etc.

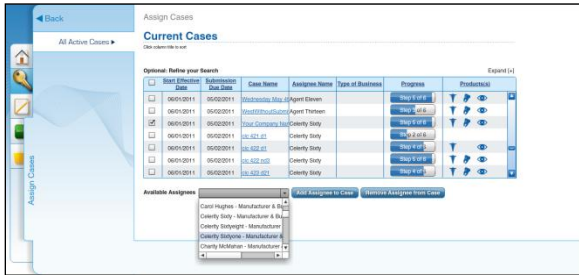
1. Click **Administrator**



The **Assign Cases** window appears



2. Click **checkbox** of desired case

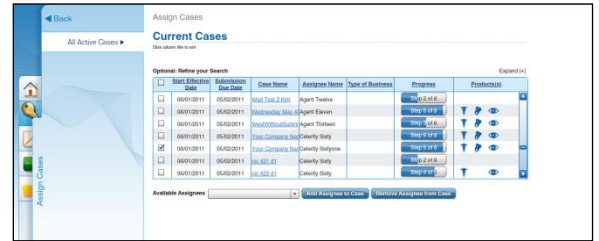


3. Select **desired agent** from Available Assignee dropdown

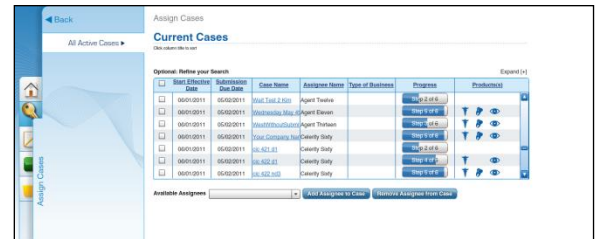
4. Click **Add Assignee to Case**



2. Click **checkbox** of desired case



3. Click **Remove Assignee from Case**



Remove Assignee from Case

Just as Administrator Producers can add a Producer, they also have rights to remove a Producer, e.g. someone leaves the agency.

1. Click **Administrator**

The **Assign Cases** window appears

