# A review of ABE Manage My Case (MMC) setup, navigation, and functionality





## **Types of Assisters**

Different types of Assisters have different rights and responsibilities when helping others to submit Applications or manage their benefits in ABE; three options are available when assisting:

- Community Partner Registered or unregistered, social service agencies, MCOs, Providers. Gives them no additional rights in ABE or in talking to Caseworkers but does allow them to keep track of how many applications they have assisted with if they are registered. Certified Application Counselors or Navigators, trained on Medicaid and the Marketplace, may also be Community Partners. The goal of this group is to inform, educate and assist.
- Authorized Representative Legal relationship that allows the Assister to act as if they are the individual
  for the purposes of Application submission and Medicaid and public benefits management. Caseworkers may
  speak with Approved Representatives about the Application/Case. The Approved Rep also receives all of the
  Notices that the Case HoH receives and can set up a MMC account.
- **HFS Application Agent** ABE Provider Portal Login. Assist users to apply and set-up MMC and submit apps through their AA User account in ABE. Customer completes an authorization form that allows the AA to speak with HFS/DHS Caseworkers. Allows AAs to check status of application in ABE and submit documents (short window). Also allows an organization access to the Medi system.

### Can Assisters Create an MMC Account for a Customer?

- HFS Application Agents/Assisters/MCOs cannot create MMC Accounts without the Customer present unless they have been designated as an Approved Representative and have the signed, required paperwork.
- Staff can **assist** the customer in setting up MMC Accounts and completing processes while using MMC, but the customer must sign any forms submitted through MMC.
- Staff should never keep the Customers User ID and password! It can be written down and given to the customer to keep, emphasizing that it should be stored securely.
- In order to communicate with Caseworkers, Application Agents assisting with applications or renewals need to have customers complete the <u>Application Agent Customer</u> <u>Authorization Form.</u>
- Modelo de formulario de autorización para la solicitud de HFS Agent







## **Top Eight Reasons Customers Call the Helpline**

- Account is locked
- Password problems
- Don't remember answers to secret questions
- Error message
- Trouble linking account
- Uploading documents
- Renewals
  - finding date
  - completing renewal
- Reporting changes using MMC



## The 3 Cs of Manage My Case (MMC)

Create:	Check:	Change:
<ul> <li>User ID and Password</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Renewal date</li> </ul>	Address
<ul> <li>A Link to their Case</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Case Information</li> </ul>	Income
<ul> <li>Proof Identity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Notices from HFS and DHS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Household members</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Upcoming appointments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expenses</li> </ul>

### MMC is one of the easiest way for consumers to submit redeterminations!

- MMC allows customers to make fewer visits to their local DHS office, stay informed on the status of their benefits, and manage their case information.
- We urge all agencies with customer contact and resources available to assist customers in setting up MMC accounts.

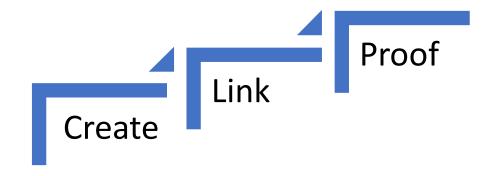




## **Create Manage My Case**

## **Create an Account: 3 Step Process**

- 1. Create a User ID and Password
- 2. Link the ABE User ID and password to case information
- 3. Complete Identity Verification, also called ID Proofing





### **MMC** Create

Only the head of the case (aka HoH) can use Manage My Case in ABE.

If the customer created an ABE Profile to apply for benefits, they will use that login information.

New to ABE: Create an ABE User ID and password to access Manage My Case.



Create a new ABE User Id and Password







#### Setting Up Your Account

Step 2: User ID and Password

There are three more steps to setting up a secure account. Keep in mind that this is a secure website. By law, we must keep your information private and secure.

If you experience technical problems while using the site, Report Technical Difficulties.

Some items have a star (\*) next to them. You must fill these items in before you can create your account.

#### Step 1: Your Name Please fill in your name below. \* First Name Middle Initial Step 3: Secret Questions \* Last Name

To log in to your account, you will need to create a user ID and password. For both of these, you should c that's easy for you to remember but hard for other people to guess.

Keep in mind that you will need your user ID and password as you start your online application. So, pleas details

\* User ID

Your User ID must be 5 to 20 letters and/or numl

\* Password

We are also asking two "secret questions" that you can use if you ever need to recover your password. Click on the box to choose a question that only you know the answer to. Then fill in your answer. Please remember the answer you give, since you will need to type it in exactly the same way if you lose your password.

click here to choose

click here to choose

**ABE Account Set-up** 

Same process as in Apply for Benefits flow.

\* Answer to Secret Question 1:

\* Secret Question 2:

\* Secret Question 1 :

\*Answer to Secret Question 2:

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Create Account

Your password must be a minimum of 8 characters. It must contain a minimum of three of the following:

- one capital letter,
- one lower case.
- one special character (! @ # \$ % & \*), and
- one numeral

Passwords cannot be used consecutively. The same password cannot be used for 24 change cycles. Do not use your User ID or your name. System Security policies require you to change your password every 180 days.





## **Create – Transitioning to ILogin in 2024**

- Customers will no longer create their accounts in ABE
- Initial access and setup will be a 3-step process: Create, Connect, Choose.

After the Create and Connect process a returning user will choose ABE Sign In for all subsequent Logins.

- ILogin will pop up customer enters
   User ID and password
- More information will be available as we get closer to the transition.

Users of abe.illinois.gov are required to create an ILogin account with the State of Illinois **and** an ABE profile.

- Create an ILogin Account: I do not have an ILogin account with State of Illinois.
- Connect an ABE Profile: I am a first-time or existing ABE user and I have an ILogin Account.
- ABE Sign In: I have an ILogin account and connected my ABE profile

An ABE Profile allows you to apply for and manage your SNAP, Cash and Medical Benefits.

- Apply for more benefits or renew benefits
- Update your contact or household information
- ✓ Sign up for electronic notifications
- ✓ File and manage appeals
- Review notices about your case.

WARNING! THIS SYSTEM CONTAINS U.S GOVERNMENT INFORMATION. BY USING THIS INFORMATION SYSTEM, YOU ARE CONSENTING TO SYSTEM MONITORING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER PURPOSES. UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE OF, OR ACCESS TO, THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM MAY SUBJECT YOU TO STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND PENALTIES AS WELL AS CIVIL PENALTIES. AT ANY TIME, THE GOVERNMENT MAY INTERCEPT, SEARCH, AND SEIZE ANY COMMUNICATION OR DATA TRANSITING OR STORED ON THIS INFORMATION SYSTEM. YOU MAY HAVE ACCESS TO OR SEE CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OR DATA (ALL HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION"), SUCH AS NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRE INFORMATION, PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (HIPAA) OR PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. AUTHORIZED USE OF THE ABE CLIENT LOGIN IS FOR CUSTOMER APPLICATION AND CASE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT. BY CLICKING LOGIN YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT ALL SUCH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR DATA MAY NOT BE RELEASED, COPIED OR DISCLOSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UNLESS PROPERLY AUTHORIZED BY ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)/ ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES (IHFS).

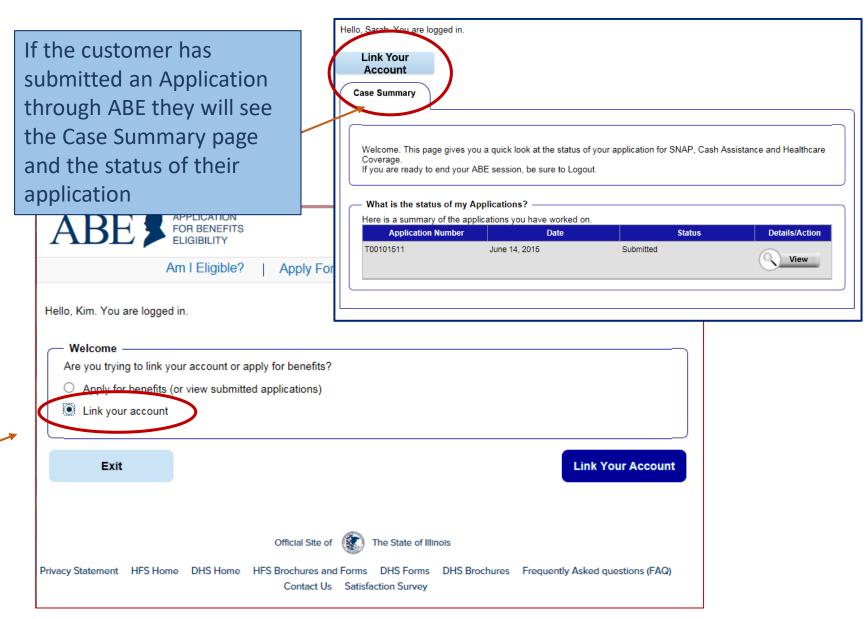




## Linking an Account to a Case

- After clicking the green
   Manage My Case box from
   the ABE homepage the
   customer will log in with
   User ID and password.
- Welcome or Case Summary screen will display
- Choose "Link Your Account" button.

New account screen





## Linking an ABE Account to Case Information

Customer enters Date of Birth and Individual ID *or* Social Security Number.

The Individual ID is a 10-digit number listed in the top right corner of the Notice of Decision Letter.

This is not the same as the Recipient Identification Number (RIN).

After linking, the customer may be asked to perform ID Proofing.

DHS.ABE.Questions@Illinois.gov

#### Linking your ABE Account to your case This page should be used by individuals who have already applied or who have an existing SNAP/TANF/Medical/MSP case. If you would like to start a new application, please click here If you have technical difficulties using this website please click here Some items have a star (\*) next to them. You must fill these items in before you can go on to the next page. Please follow the steps below to link your ABE Account to your case so that you can see if you are eligible for benefits and handle your account. ABE is a secure website run by the State of Illinois. By law, we must keep your information private and secure Personal Information First, please enter your date of birth and your Individual ID from your case. You can find your Individual ID on any letter you've received about your case. If you don't have your Individual ID, you can give us your Social Security number instead. (You only need to give your SSN if you do not have your Individual ID) If you cannot locate your Individual ID and do not have your Social Security Number, please contact the Call Center at: (800) 843-6154 YYYY \*Date of Birth: If your birthday is March 31, 1960, type 03/31/1960. \*Please Confirm Date of Birth: If your birthday is March 31, 1960, type 03/31/1960 \*Individual ID (10 digits): You can find your individual ID on any letter you've received about your case. If you don't have your Individual ID, you can give us your Social Security number in the box below. If you cannot find your Individual ID please provide your Social Security Number \*Social Security number:

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## **Identity Verification (ID Proofing)**

- If ID proofing was not completed when the customer submitted their application in ABE, ID
  Proofing must be completed before using MMC. ID Proofing is required only once.
- Three (3) ID Proofing services are available. They will be offered to the customer in the following order.
  - 1. Secretary of State (SoS) Verifies a SoIL Driver's License or State ID information.
  - 2. Experian Randomly generated questions based on previous addresses, tax data or ownership details.
  - 3. Manual ID Proofing Paper form process with DHS/HFS.



## Identity Verification: Illinois Secretary of State

- Beginning in March 2023, the IL Secretary of State process became available.
- SoS Identity Proofing is used in the Appy for Benefits process as well.

We can verify your identity using your Illinois Driver's License or State ID Card. If you or State ID Card, we will attempt to verify your identity using another method.  Do you have an Illinois Driver's License or State ID Card?  Yes	do not have ar	Illinois Driver's License
Do you have an Illinois Driver's License or State ID Card?		
	○ No ◀	

If customers answers, "No", they will advance to the Experian Identity Proofing process

If customer answers, "Yes", they will advance to the <u>SoS</u>
<u>ID Proofing process</u>.



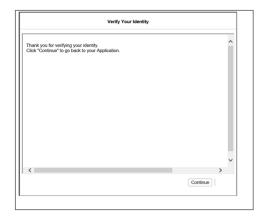




## **Matching Information**

The user will be asked to enter multiple fields EXACTLY as they appear on their ID, including the License or ID Number.

If successful, customers will get a Thank you message and click Next to navigate to MMC Landing page.



If unsuccessful, clicking next will navigate to Experian ID Proofing



Hello, USER. You are logged in.

#### Verify your Identity - Illinois Driver's License or State ID Card

Complete the Illinois Driver's License/State ID Details section below. Enter the information **EXACTLY** as shown on your Illinois Driver's License/State ID Card, including your middle name ONLY if it appears on your ID.

First Name	s License/State ID Information	
Middle Name		
<ul> <li>Last Name</li> </ul>		
Suffix		
Date of Birth	MM DD YYYY 11 / 25 / 1990	ILLINOIS IDENTIFICATION CARD
Eye Color	Click here to choose	4d LIC NO: 1234-5678-910B
	Brown Black Grey Green Hazel Blue Yellow	PUBLIC SAMPLE SAMPLE SIGNATURE SAMPLE SAMPLE SAMPLE SAMPLE SIGNATURE STATE STATE SAMPLE SAMPL
<ul> <li>Height</li> </ul>	ft in	
<ul> <li>Weight</li> </ul>	lb	
Enter in you	ur 12-digit Illinois Driver's License or Illino	ois State ID Number
	On your Illinois Drivers License, your Illinois Driver's License Number is located here:	On your Illinois State ID Card, your Illinois State ID Number is located here:
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## **Experian ID Proofing Screens:**

Experian ID Proofing will be used when:

- Customer does not have II Driver's License or ID
- Identity Verification fails through SOS

Multiple-choice questions will display that only the customer would know the answer to, thus "proving" the customer identity.

If successful, the Next button will take customer to approval screen and then MMC Landing page If unsuccessful, the Next button will give further instructions



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Logged in: happy1540 | 

Logout

#### Verify Your Identity

To protect you from identity theft, and to confirm your identity, please answer these questions. If the correct answer isn't here, choose "None of the above". When you are done, click "Next".

- 1. Which of the following streets have you lived on?
  - Sunnyside Rd.
- Main St.
- Michigan Ave.
- Grand Ave.
- None of the above
- 2. Which of the following phone numbers have you been associated with?
  - O 217-555-1212
  - O 312-000-1234
  - 773-555-0000
  - 0 872-111-0000
  - None of the above
- 3. What street number have you lived at?
  - $\bigcirc$  111
  - 34786
  - O 14177
  - $\bigcirc$  300
  - None of the above
- 4. What is your mother's maiden name?
  - Smith
  - O Johnson
  - Williams
  - Brown
- None of the above
- 5. What county do you currently live in?
  - Cook
- Adams
- Sangamon
- DuPage
- None of the above



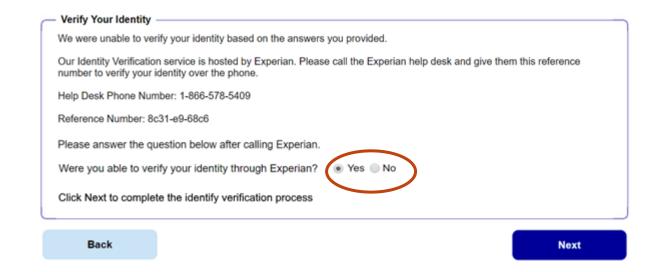


## **Experian ID Proofing - Verification**

If the customer **is NOT able to** answer the questions correctly or if the service does not have enough information to offer questions, the customer will be asked to contact the Experian Help Desk with a reference number for additional questions to answer.

After calling Experian help desk answer the question, "Were you able to verify your identity through Experian?"

- If successful, the customer will select "yes" that they were able to verify identity through Experian and then click [Next].
- If unsuccessful, the customer will click "no" and will need to use the Manual ID Proofing process.
- Note: The customer will be unable to access MMC until their identity has been verified manually. A link will pop up for manual form.





## Requesting Manual Identity Proofing

- 1.To request State Identity Proofing, fill out, sign, and return the <u>State Identity Proofing Request Form (pdf)</u>, or <u>Formulario De Solicitud De Prueba De Identidad Del Estado (pdf)</u> and proof documents (listed on page 3 of the form).
- 2.If an Approved Representative is completing the form, a signed <u>Approved Representative Form</u> MUST be mailed along with the Request form, and Proof Document, **even if one is already on file with the State**.
- 3.Return the completed form and proof documents to: Illinois Department of Human Services
  Attn.: ID Proofing Unit
  600 E. Ash, Building 500, 5th Fl.
  Springfield, IL 62703
  or Return the form to your local or chosen FCRC
- 4. Allow 6-8 weeks to hear back from the state.

If there are questions, email: <u>DHS.ABE.Questions@illinois.gov</u>



Department of Human Services

#### STATE IDENTITY PROOFING REQUEST FORM

The State of Illinois is committed to keeping your confidential information safe and secure. To do that, the State must verify your identity before you use Manage My Case (MMC) online.

The first step that you must take to verify your identity is to create an ABE account. If you do not have an ABE Account, go to <a href="https://ABE.Illinois.gov">https://ABE.Illinois.gov</a> and select Login then Create Account.

Once you have an ABE account, there are 2 ways that the State of Illinois can verify your identity:

- You can verify your identity through the <u>ABE.Illinois.gov</u> website. If you have not tried to verify your identity through ABE, please select the Green "Manage My Case" button, login to your ABE account, and complete the process. You must do this before moving to #2.
- You can verify your identity by completing and submitting this form along with acceptable identity proofing documentation (listed on Page 3). Note: This form can only be used if you have already tried to verify your identity online at <u>ABE.Illinois.gov</u> but could not.

*ABE Username:	
*First Name:	
Last Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
*Mailing Address:	







## Manual ID Proofing Documents

The customer must submit copies of these documents even if they submitted them before as part of their application for benefits.

Column A Submit One (1) of These	Column B Alternatively, submit two (2) of these
Illinois Driver's License	Birth Certificate
Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570) or Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)	Social Security Card or Official document containing your Social Security Number
U.S. Military Draft Card or Draft Record	Marriage Certificate
Native American Tribal document	Divorce Decree
School Identification Card	Property Deed or Title
Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)	High School or College Diploma (Including High School Equivalence Diploma)
Identification card issued by the federal, state or local government	Employer Identification card
Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)	
<ul> <li>Military dependent's identification card</li> <li>U.S. passport or U.S. passport card</li> <li>U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card</li> </ul>	
Foreign passport or identification card issued by a foreign embassy or consulate that contains a photograph	



## **Check Manage My Case**



## ABE - Manage My Case (MMC)

- Once the customer has successfully linked their case and completed ID Proofing, the Manage My Case Landing page will display.
- The Manage My Case landing page is divided into four (4) tabs:
  - 1. Case Summary (default tab)
  - Benefits Details
  - 3. Contact Information
  - 4. Account Management

Account/Case linking and Identity Proofing are completed only **once**.



After that, the customer will click

Manage My Case

from the ABE Homepage (abe.Illinois.gov)

After successful login, the Mange My Case landing page will be presented.







## **MMC – Case Summary**

Links to many of the Manage My Case features are available on this page.

Renew my Benefits will display 60 days before end of current cert period - 30 days before due date. Will continue to display until:

Renewal is received or,

End of 90-day reinstatement period

Case Summary Benefit Details Contact Information Account Management

Renew My Benefits

our case is up for redetermination. Click this button to submit your redetermination for enefits.

Report My Changes

lick this button to report changes to your DHS or HFS Office.

Apply for Other Benefits

lick this button to apply for additional benefits

Welcome to the Case Summary Page. This page gives you a look at your benefits, and lets you know if there is anything you need to do to receive or continue benefits. From this page you can find information about your benefit status, verifications, notices, application or change report status.

We have taken a number of steps to keep your information private and secure. To learn more, view your security and account management information.

As a head of household, you can control benefit information displayed to other adults in your household.

#### What is the status of my benefit programs?

You have requested or are receiving the benefits mentioned below. Click on the "Click Here" link for each program to view a summary of your benefits. This information is current as of **June 29, 2016 02:01 PM**.

Follow this link and select Other Changes to Cancel Your Case.

Benefit	Description	Summary
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Click Here for Details
	Healthcare Coverage Program	Click Here for Details
\$	Cash Assistance Program	Click Here for Details





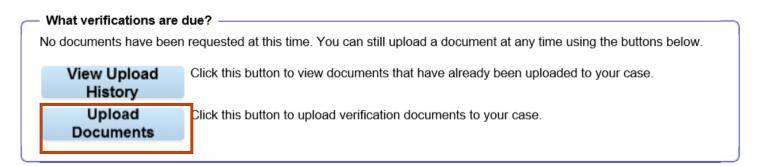
## **Case Summary**

#### **Check notices**

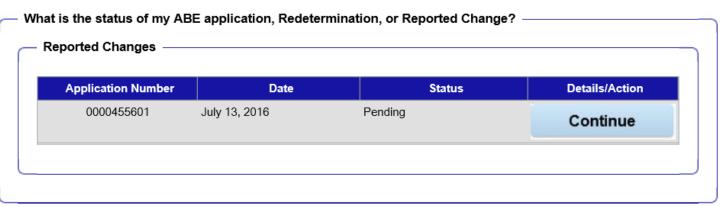
Head of household will be able to view notices sent within the past 12 months.

#### Check status of:

- applications
- renewals
- changes previously reported through MMC







### **Check Renewal Date –Benefit Details Tabs**

View more details about the benefits currently received on the **Benefits Details** tab.

#### What is the status of my benefit programs?

You have requested or are receiving the benefits mentioned below. Click on the "Click Here" link for each program to view a summary of your benefits. This information is current as of **January 26, 2023 01:52 AM**.

Follow this link and select Other Changes to Cancel Your Case.

Benefit	Description	Summary
	Food Assistance Program	Food Assistance Program Details
*	Healthcare Coverage Program	Healthcare Coverage Program Details

Click the hyperlink under '**Summary**' to view details about each benefit program received. Can also get link from Case Summary tab.

You have ACA Adult coverage.

Your coverage started on August 2016.

Your next medical redetermination must be completed by April 2023. In the meantime, you must continue to report changes.

View or print your HFS Medical Card in your available notices.

View your approval notice to see how your benefits were determined

#### Actions you may need to take:

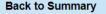
- Your Earned Income Payment is due on Friday, February 22, 2019.

MCO Plan Name: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD IL MMCP

Your MCO Plan contact phone number is 877-860-2837. Visit your MCO Plan website.

MCO Plan Anniversary Date: January 1, 2021 (You can switch plans 60 days before this date)

View your notices for more information about what was requested.





## **Change Manage My Case**



## Report Changes

Reporting a change in the household or circumstances:

- 1. Customer clicks on the Report My
  Changes Changes button on the Case
  Summary page.
- 2. Customer chooses the change to be reported and clicks Next.
- 3. Customer completes additional questions
- 4. If the change requires proof, documents can be uploaded through Manage My Case.

#### Welcome to Report My Changes

After you have told us what has changed below, we will let you know if the change requires verification and what to provide. You can upload your verification or you can mail, fax, or bring the proof to your DHS or HFS office. If you would like to withdraw your application, cancel your case, or request a case transfer, please select the "Any other change or changes not mentioned above" option under the other Changes Section.

Reporting Changes Through ABE ———————————————————————————————————		
Please let us know what has changed. After answering yes to one or more of the categories below, an additional list of options will be shown. You may check all boxes that apply.		
Change in Contact Information	● Yes ○ No	
<ul><li>☐ Name change or correction</li><li>☐ E-mail address or phone number change</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Address Change</li><li>☐ Approved Representative add or cancel</li></ul>	
Change in Household	O Yes ● No	
Change in Household Income	O Yes ● No	
Expenses/Bills Have Changed	O Yes ● No	
Resources Have Changed	O Yes ● No	
Health Insurance Has Changed	O Yes ● No	
Other Changes		
Any other change or changes not mentioned ab	ove	
Keep in mind that you should only report changes t	hat have already happened.	

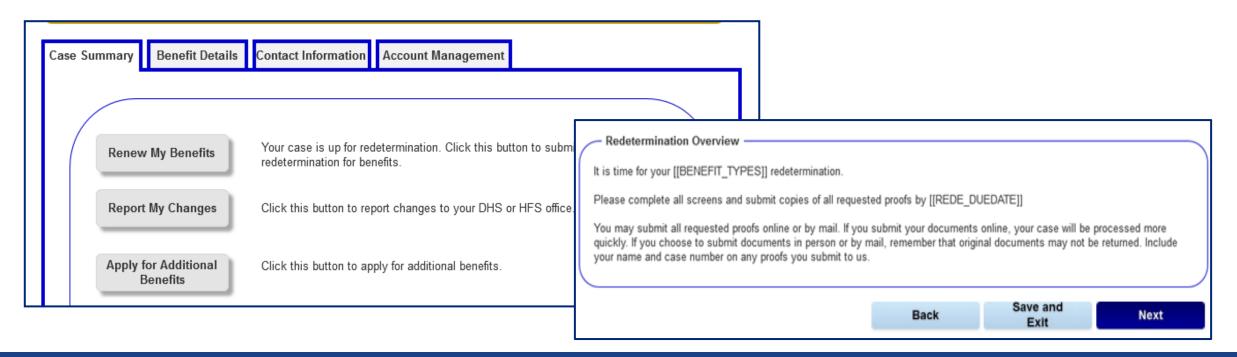




## Renew My Benefits – Report any Changes

If it is time to renew customer benefits, a **Renew My Benefits** button displays on the Case Summary page. **This button displays a month before the customers renewal is due.** 

1. Click the Renew My Benefits button. The Redetermination Overview page displays letting the customer know which of their benefits is up for redetermination. Review and click **Next.** 









### **Renewal Details**

Information screen: lets the customer know what information they will need to complete their renewal.

Clicking [Next] will bring up the customers renewal screens – some information will be prefilled.

If the customer needs to provide any final comments or submit other changes not reported during the redetermination, they will check the "Report any other change" in the Questions section of the page.

#### Benefit Renewal Details

As part of the Redetermination process, we will ask you about the following:

- Persons in Your Household
   Review the names of individuals living in your household and report if anyone has moved into or out of your household.
- Household Income
   You must report any change of income for all household members.
- Housing
   Report changes in address. [[Also report changes in home insurance, utilities (heat, lights, gas, water, sewage, etc.), house payment, property taxes, rent, telephone if you move. It is to your benefit to report costs that increased, even if you have not moved.]]
- [[Dependent Care Report if the amount paid to care for a child or disabled adult changes]]
- [[-Resources
  Report any current, or recently opened or closed accounts such as: checking, savings, retirement, or
  CD; or sold, transferred, given away, bought or received any other asset such as: land, cars and other vehicles, boats, life
  insurance, investments, lawsuit settlements, burial assets, or any other property.]]
- [[Medical Costs
   You may report changes in medical expenses for SNAP members who are disabled or age 60 or older.]]
- Child Support Expense
   Report the amount of court-ordered child support paid to a person outside of the household
- [[Miscellaneous Expenses
   Report if anyone is paying miscellaneous expenses: such as student loan interest, spousal support or other tax deductible expenses.]]
- -Let's get started!

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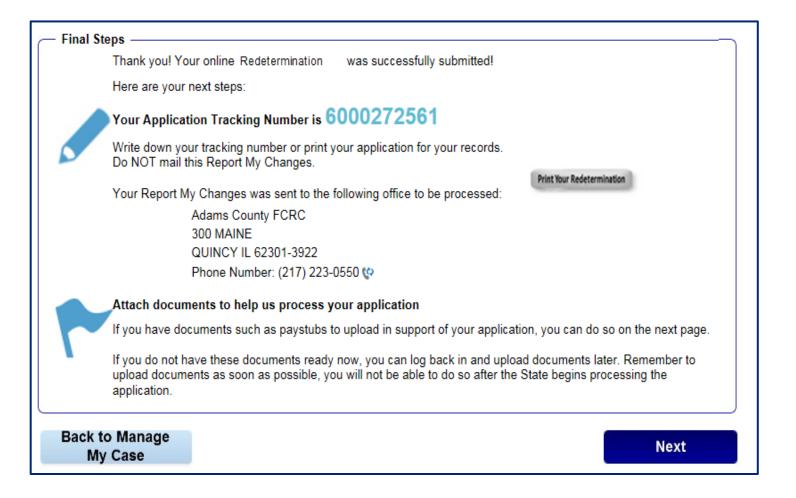
## **Renewal Final Steps**

After completing questions and entering any changes or comments, the customer clicks [Next] and the Final Steps page displays.

The customer should keep the tracking number in case they need to speak with a Caseworker.

The customer should upload supporting documents.

Not uploading supporting documents could lead to delay or denial of benefits.







## **Uploading Documents in MMC**

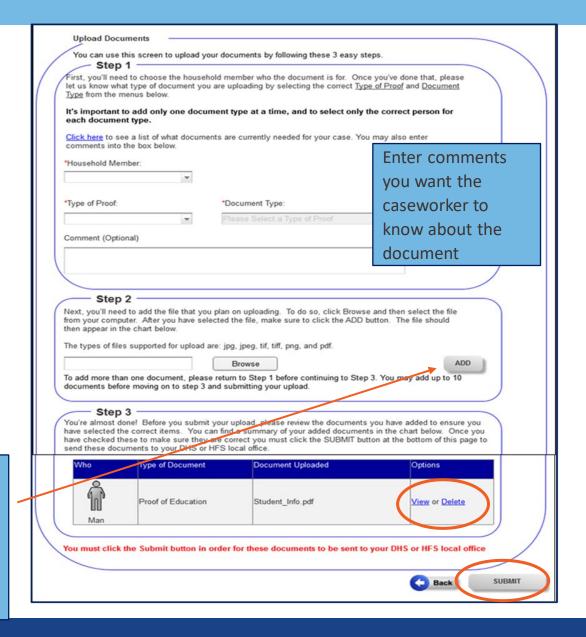
Upload Click this button to upload verification documents to your case.

Documents

Link to Upload Documents is on the **Case Summary** tab.

- Submit docs requested in a notice
- Submit change documents
- Submit documents for renewal
- If technical issues prevent upload, recommend that customer use another method to avoid missing deadlines.
- mailing to address on Notice
- faxing to 1-844-736-3563

Be sure to click the [Add] button. You can add up to 10 documents in a single upload. Each document can be no more than 2 MB.







## Mid-Point Report: any Changes?

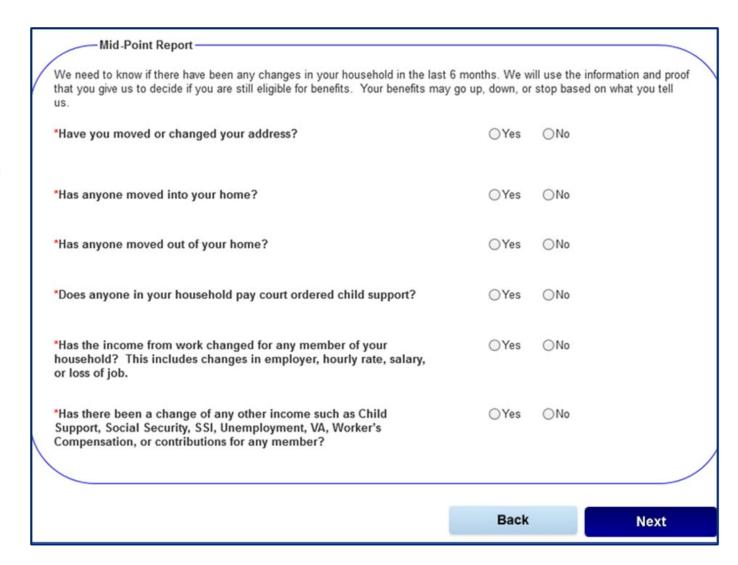
If a Mid-Point Report is due for SNAP or Cash benefits, a [Mid-Point Report] button displays on the Case Summary page.

- 1. The customer completes all questions and clicks [Next]. The Signing your Mid-Point Report page displays.
- 2. Customer Attestation: information is true and correct
- 3. Customer enters First Name and Last Name.

Note: failure to respond to a Mid-Point Report

does not affect medical benefits

4. Customer clicks Submit







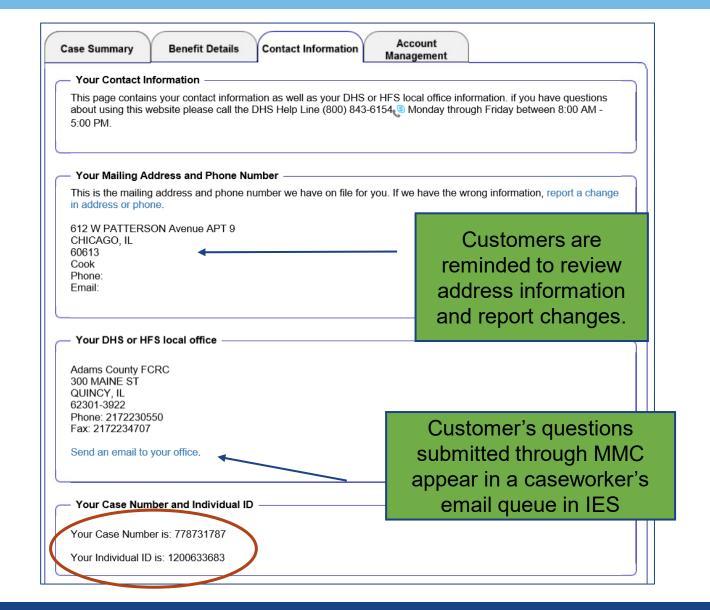
## **Last tabs Manage My Case**





## **Contact Information Tab**

- Customer information
- Office contact information
- E-mail link
- Customer case number and individual number







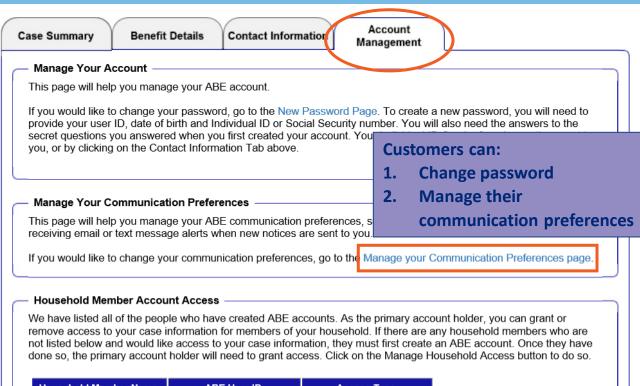


## Account **Management Tab**

Currently only the Primary Account Holder can access Manage My Case.

The functionality that would allow other household members or third-party account holders to access case information is not available at this time.

**Manage Communication Preferences** 



**Household Member Name** ABE User ID Access Type

jodietest4

Manage Household **Member Access** 

#### Third Party Account Holders

winnett, jodie

We've listed all the people outside your home who have requested access to your case. As the Primary Account Holder you can click the "View Request" or "End access" button to grant or remove access for these individuals or organizations.

Primary Account Holder

Action
View Request





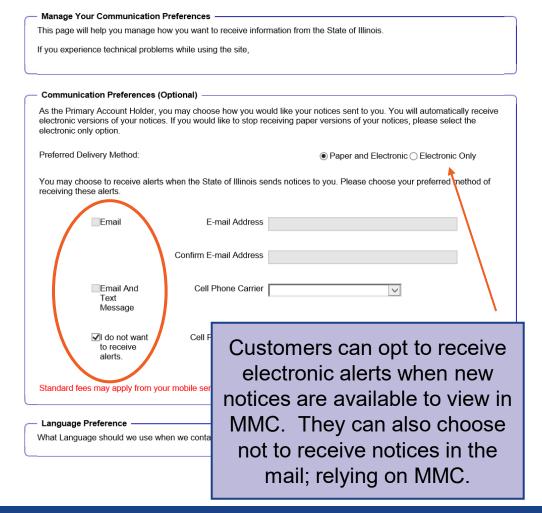
## **Manage Communication Preferences**

After clicking on the hyperlink to **Manage Your Communication Preferences** the customer can choose the way notices are sent to them. **Save preferences!** 

- Paper and Electronic
- Electronic Only
- Email and text alerts

If an alert e-mail or text bounces back, the State will restart sending paper notices to the last address we have on file for the customer.

The customer should alert us to any changes in email or phone #.





## **Top Reasons Customers Request Help**

#### 1. Account is locked

A. Lockouts last for only an hour – customer should retry after an hour

### 2. Password problems

A. The state cannot reset passwords, customer can do this by entering their user ID and clicking forgot password. Customer will need to answer secret questions – case sensitive!

#### 3. Cannot remember answers to secret questions

A. Remind that they are case sensitive, if customer is still failing they will need to create a new account. Recommend they write down user ID, password, and answers to secret questions when they create the new account. Remind that they are case sensitive and to keep in a safe place.

### 4. Error Message

A. Check that they are using most recent version of browser, recommend they <u>clear cookies</u> and <u>browsing history</u>, and restart system. Customer can also try changing browser.



## More Help ©

#### 5. Trouble linking account

Use Individual ID *or* SSN but not both. If one doesn't work, try the other. Do not use RIN. Caseworker can share the Individual ID number if the customer supplies name, last 4 of SSN, address and birthdate. If no SSN, can use Name, dob and address as well as names and d.o.b of all members of household. Email DHS.ABE.questions@illinois.gov for help with Individual ID.

#### 6. Uploading documents

Link is on Summary Tab, upload docs to computer first, check size of document, break up document if size is too large, being sure to label correctly if still having trouble, mail or fax documents.

#### 7. Renewal

- a. Find date on Benefit Details Tab, click on blue writing under summary under medical, pop-up screen will have month listed. Remind that due date is always first of the month
- b. Completing renewal Look for button on Summery screen, if button is not there, it may not be right time. If button is there click, answer question and submit. Keep tracking #.

#### 8. Reporting changes using MMC

Link is on Summery tab, click yes button on category that you want to report the change to, remember to upload proof docs if needed.



### **Caseworker Questions and Answers**

- 1. Will the renewal button appear if the customer is getting a Form A?
  - A. Yes, Form A Renewals will prompt the Renewal button in MMC.
- 2. Can the customer change FCRC Offices in MMC like they can when submitting an application?
  - A. Yes, in the Report My Changes flow, customer can choose "Other Changes", being sure to also check the box for, "Any other change(s) not mentioned above". The next screen will have a Change description dropdown menu, there is a drop-down choice of "Case Transfer". The customer then enters their office of choice in the box below.
- 3. Do all Notices show in MMC even Spenddown amount/notices?
  - A. Yes, all correspondences will be visible.

### **And Some More:**

- 4. Will ID proofing be required again if the customer needs to create a new account because they cannot remember their password and/or secret questions?
  - A. Yes, if the customer needs to create a new account, that new account will need to go through account linking and ID Proofing all over again. ©
- 5. Who generates the Email and text messages the customers are opting in or out of on Manage Communication Preferences?
  - A. Routinely IES had generated text and email alerts to a customer when a new notice is available in MMC. However, during this unwinding period, customers are also receiving texts from DHS and HFS. We are also sharing renewal data with MCOs who are messaging their specific customers.

## Manage My Case Resources & Support

- Set Up ABE MMC English (pdf)
- Configurar ABE MCC Español (pdf)

#### Customer Resources on DHS Website:

### ABE Customer Support page

- Application for Benefits Eligibility
- Set up ABE Manage My Case
- Technical support email: <a href="mailto:dhs.abe.questions@illinois.gov">dhs.abe.questions@illinois.gov</a>
- Provider Portal support: <u>HFS.ABEpartnerportal@illinois.gov</u>

## Manage your Medical, SNAP and Cash Benefits Online

The State of Illinois' Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE) website now offers Manage My Case (MMC) to help you manage your benefits online, anytime.

#### Use MMC to:

- Check the status of an application
- · Learn when you redetermination is due
- Renew benefits
- Report changes; income, expenses, household members or new address
- Upload documents
- View notices
- View and reschedule upcoming appointments
- File and manage appeals

#### What you Need to Set-up MMC:

- Social Security Number or Individual ID Number
- Valid State Driver's License or ID or an Established Credit History

#### How to Set-up MMC:

Step 1: Go to http://ABE.Illinois.gov

Step 2: Click on the green "Manage My Case" button

- · Enter your ABE User ID and Password
- If you don't have an ABE User ID, click 'Create a new ABE User ID and Password'

Step 3: After logging in select, "Link your account"

- Enter your Date of Birth and Individual ID or your Date of Birth and Social Security Number
- This one-time process will link your ABE profile to your benefit case information

**Step 4:** Verify your identity by entering information from your Illinois Driver's License or State ID or by responding to questions only you can answer. If successful you will go right to MMC.

That's it, you're set! Login using your ABE User ID and Password to manage your benefits with MMC!

Questions? Visit dhs.illinois.gov/ABE or email ABE.Questions@illinois.gov



