

Florida Department of Financial Services
Division of Consumer Services

Consumer Assistance Portal Mediator User Guide

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INTRODUCTION

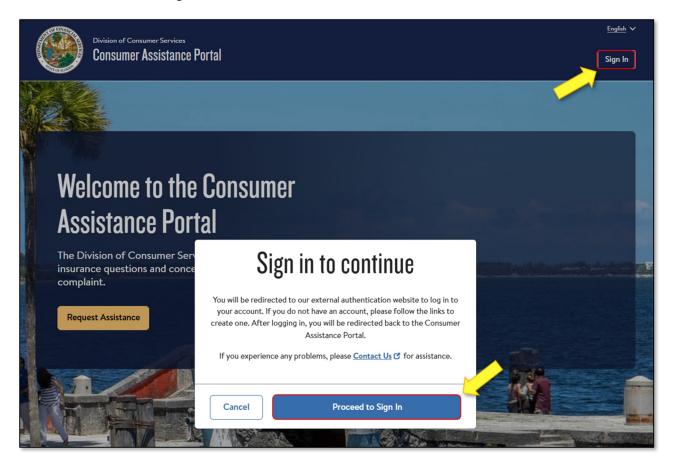
The purpose of this guide is to provide Mediators with the foundation to effectively use the New Mediator Portal which allows the Mediator to easily review and accept their assigned cases, take required actions, communicate with the case owner or parties, and monitor invoices after submitting the disposition. Designed to streamline communication and case management, the Portal ensures that all parties can efficiently track progress, meet deadlines, and fulfill their obligations throughout the Case.

SIGNING IN TO THE CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PORTAL

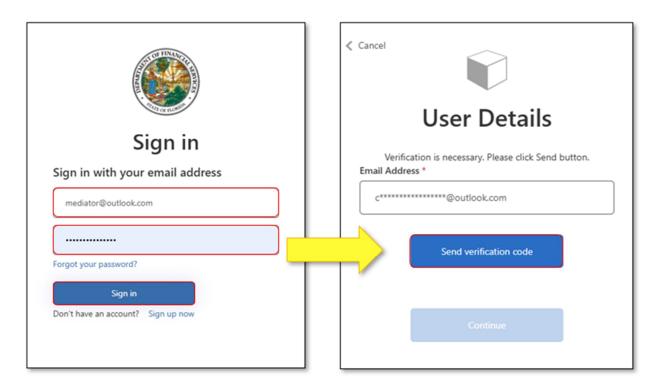
1. To sign into your Mediator Portal, navigate to the website below.

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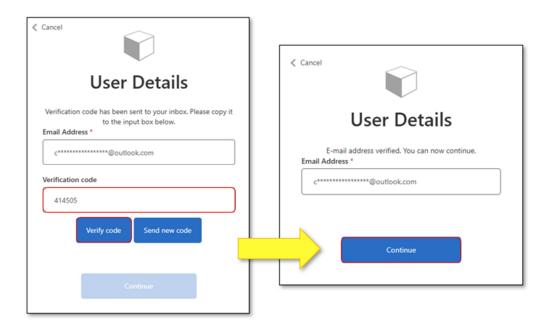
- 2. Selecting the 'Sign In' button at the top righthand corner of the page.
- 3. Select 'Proceed to Sign In'.



- 4. Enter your credentials into the appropriate field and select 'Sign In'.
- 5. Select 'Send verification code'.
 - o This will send the verification code to your designated registered email and will display the field to enter the verification code.



- 6. Navigate to your personal email inbox to retrieve the verification code.
- 7. Populate the verification code in the appropriate field and select 'Verify Code'.
- 8. Select 'Continue' to take you to your Consumer Assistance Portal Homepage.



PORTAL HOMEPAGE

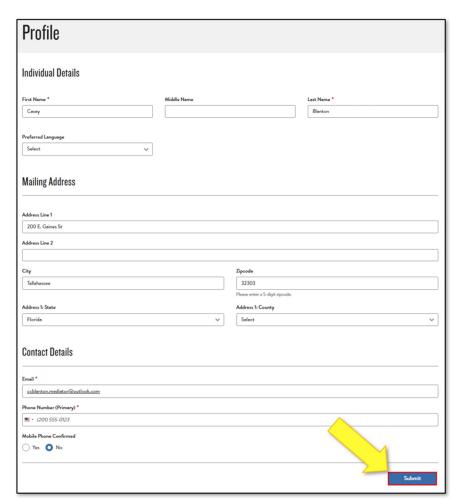
Consumer Portal

Your homepage will default to your 'Consumer' portal. Should you ever require the services of the Department for your own insurance concerns or disputes, you may submit those online from this portion of your portal.

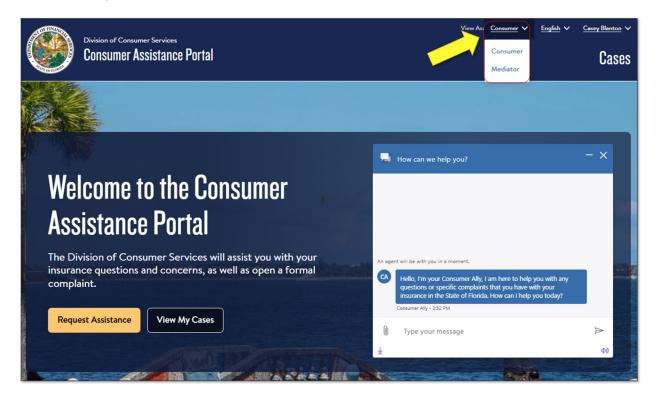
1. Select your preferred language or update your demographic information by choosing the appropriate drop-down menu.



2. Select 'Profile' under your name and update any desired information and select 'Submit'.



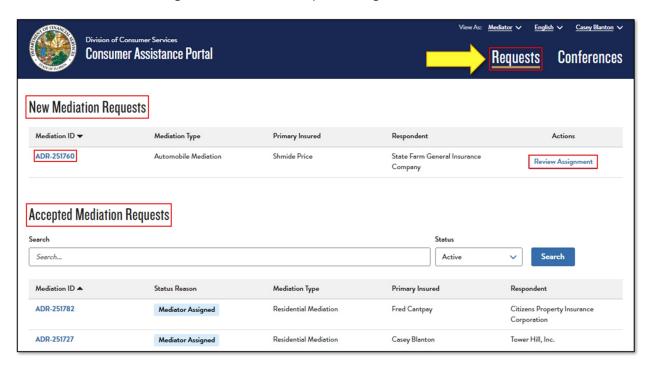
3. To view your Mediator specific portal and assigned cases, navigate to the top righthand corner of the page and select 'Mediator' from the 'View As' drop-down menu.



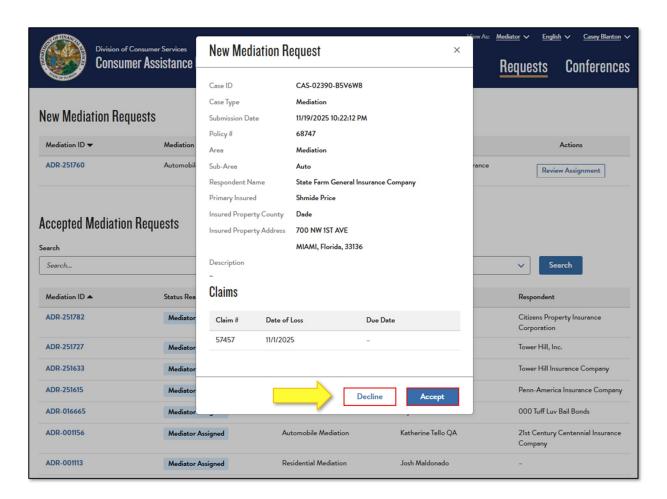
MEDIATOR PORTAL ASSIGNMENTS

Requests

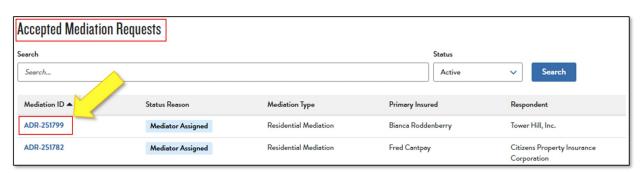
- 1. The mediator portal will default to 'Requests', which is located at the top righthand corner of the page.
- 2. Review all 'New' assignments and all 'Accepted' assignments.



- 3. To Accept or Decline a new request, select 'Review Assignment' in the 'Actions' column of the new assignment or you may also select the 'Mediation ID' starting with 'ADR'. (see above)
 - o This will open a pop-up with the assignment details.
- 4. Select 'Accept' or 'Decline'.



5. Once accepted, select the 'Mediation ID' in blue under 'Accepted Mediation Requests'.

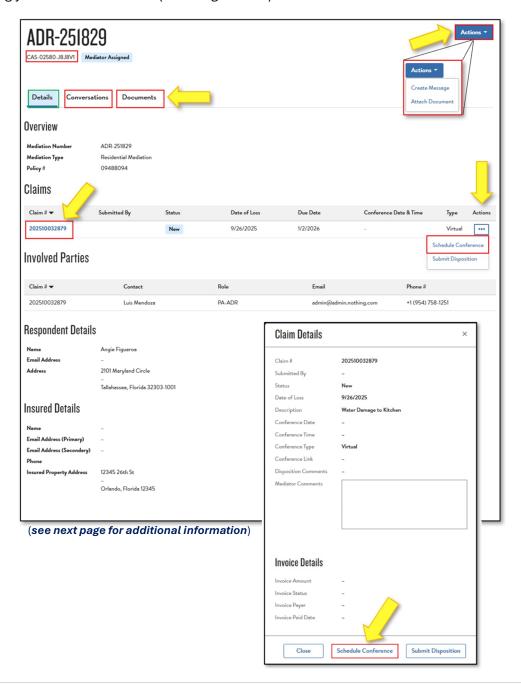


MEDIATION CASE DETAILS, CONVERSATIONS, AND DOCUMENTS

The Case # has replaced the SR# and there is a new Mediation ID (to allow you to be assigned to multiple claims at once).

Details Tab

When the Mediation ID is selected, you are directed to the Mediation 'Details' tab which provides specific information regarding your assignment, as well as access to various useful tools for managing your Mediation Cases. (see *image below*)



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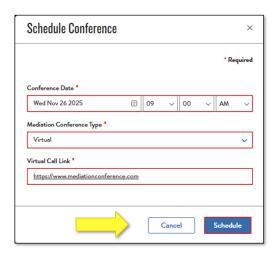
- As multiple claims may now be assigned under a single Mediation ID, this view will list all assigned claims (a *maximum* of 4 per Mediation ID), along with all pertinent information regarding the parties. (see *image above*)
- To view specific information for each claim, select the claim # to open a pop-up form
 displaying the information and allowing the mediator to schedule the conference. (see
 image above)

Please Note:

- The program is claim specific. If multiple claims are being mediated in the same conference, the scheduling feature <u>must</u> be used for each claim.
- You may also 'Schedule the Conference' directly from the 'Details' tab by selecting the ellipses (...) in the 'Actions' column next to the desired claim. (see image above)

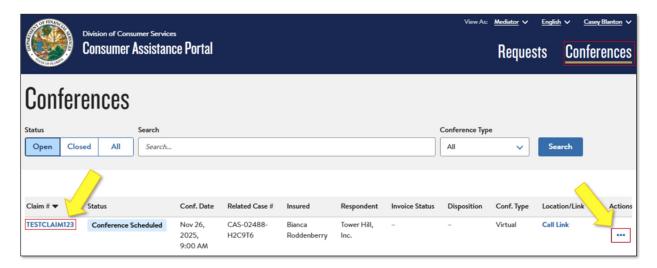
Scheduling/Rescheduling the Conference (when applicable)

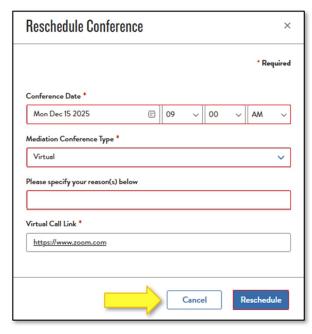
- Once 'Schedule Conference' is selected, a small pop-up form will appear allowing you to
 enter the conference date, time, and location (depending on the conference type Virtual vs
 In-Person).
- Fill out the information and select 'Schedule'. This will automatically take you to the 'Conferences' tab of your portal and notify the parties via email the conference has been scheduled, prompting them to log into *their* portal for more details.



 There are two methods to Reschedule a conference after navigating to the 'Conferences' tab.

- Option 1: Open the desired claim # by selecting it from the list. Then select 'Reschedule Conference' and follow the same steps as before, providing the reason for rescheduling.
- Option 2: Select 'Reschedule Conference' under the ellipses (...) in the 'Actions' column (this avoids having to fully open the claim as in option 1. Follow the same steps as before, providing the reason for rescheduling.





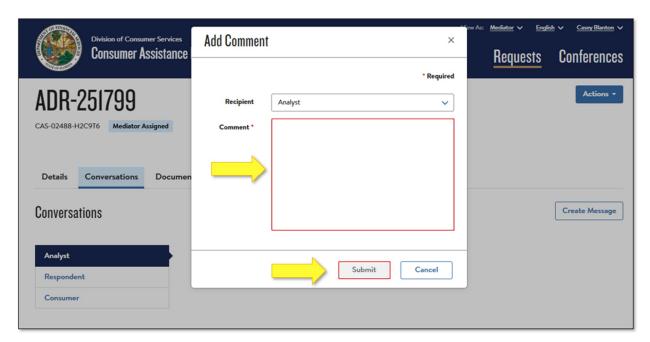
Conversations Tab

The system allows you to easily communicate with the Department and the Consumer involved with the mediation using the 'Conversations' tab.

- 1. Select the Conversations tab.
- 2. Select the desired recipient of the message.
- 3. Select 'Create Message'.



- 4. Enter your message and select 'Submit'.
 - ☐ This will notify the recipient they have received a new portal comment and should log into their portal to review and respond.

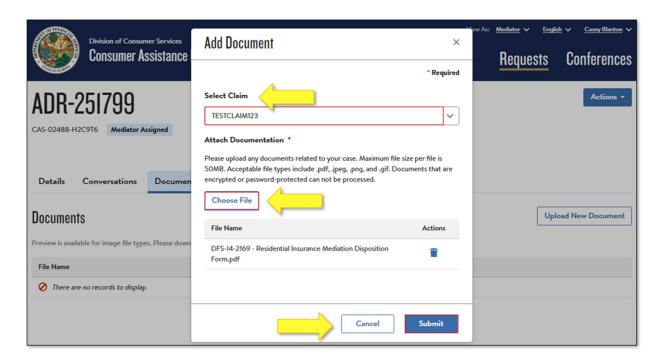


Documents Tab

- 1. The system allows you to easily upload documents to for the Department's review using the 'Documents' tab.
- 2. Select the 'Documents' tab.
- 3. Select 'Upload New Document'.



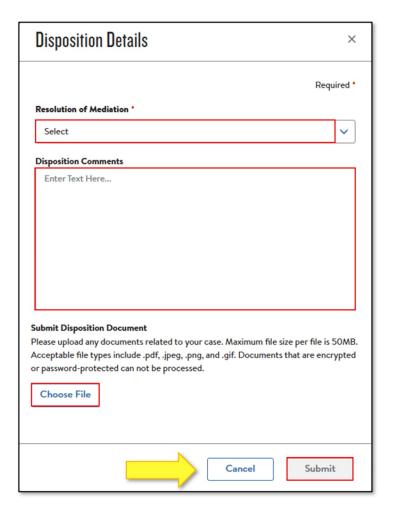
- 4. Select 'Choose File'.
- 5. Select the claim with which the document is associated.
- 5. Select the file you desire to upload (it will appear within the 'Add Document' form) and select 'Submit'.
 - ☐ This will notify the Case owner they have received a new document for review.



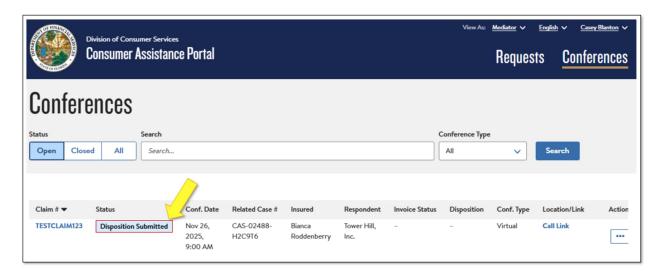
Note: As can be seen in the image on Page 10, you can also upload documents by selecting 'Attach Document' from the 'Actions' button at the top righthand corner of the page from any tab. This will pop-up the same 'Add Document' form as appears under the 'Documents' tab above.

SUBMITTING THE DISPOSITION

- 1. There are two methods to submit the Disposition.
 - Option 1: Open the desired claim # by selecting it from the list. Then select 'Submit Disposition' from the bottom of the 'Claim Details' popup form.
 - Option 2: Select 'Submit Disposition' under the ellipses (...) in the 'Actions' column (this avoids having to fully open the claim as in option 1).
- 2. Both options above produce the 'Disposition Details' pop-up form.



- 1. Select the 'Resolution of Mediation'.
- 2. Add any pertinent 'Disposition Comments' regarding scheduling/non-scheduling, cancellation, or outcome.
- 3. Attach any documents you think are important to include by selecting the 'Choose File' function.
- 4. Select 'Submit'.



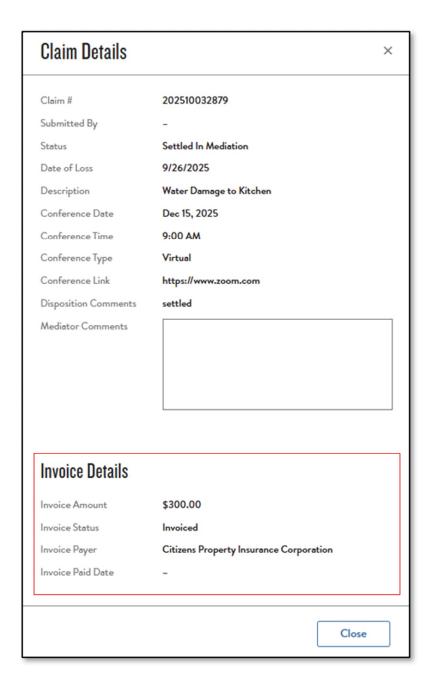
5. The 'Status' will update to 'Disposition Submitted' and the Case Owner (Analyst) will be notified to review the disposition.

Should the Case Owner determine additional information is needed when reviewing a disposition, they will now be able to return the disposition to the mediator requesting that information.

That will prompt a notification to the Mediator notifying them to sign into their portal and review a new portal comment.

If the disposition is not returned and invoices are ready to generate, the Case owner will proceed with generating the invoices. Once generated, the invoice will populate in the Mediator and Respondent (Carrier) portals under the claim number.

Current payment timelines outline in 69J-166.031, Florida Administrative Code, still apply.



PORTAL RELATED NOTIFICATION EMAIL EXAMPLES

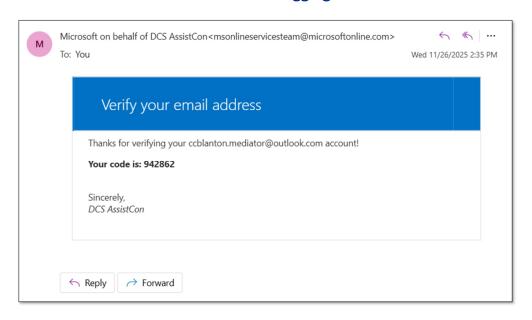
Below are examples of the various notification emails you will receive pertaining to the new Mediator Portal.

Note: Selecting the button within the email will navigate you to your portal to sign in and review the additional details regarding the subject of the notification.

New Mediation Proposal Hello Casey Blanton, You have been proposed as a Mediator for a Case. Please log in to the Consumer Assistance Portal using the button below to review the Case. Mediation ID ADR-251799 Open Portal This email was sent from an unmonitored mailbox. Please do not reply. Thank you, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Services State of Florida

New Mediation (Assignment) Proposal

Verification Code for Logging into Portal



New Portal Comment (Message) Received

