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## **Nebraska Department of Insurance expanding education on women's healthcare with \$611,000 grant**

**Lincoln, NE (Oct. 11, 2024)** - The Nebraska Department of Insurance (NDOI) is the recipient of a federal grant to develop campaigns to educate on women's healthcare in the state under the Expanding Access to Women's Health Grant Program.

The grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), will give the department \$611,990 to be dispersed over the next two years.

Various education initiatives will be supported by the grant including:

- **Essential Health Benefits:** education on coverage for mental health conditions, mammography, colorectal screening, diabetes education, diabetes coverage, TMJ, breast reconstruction, off-label drugs for cancer and HIV/AIDS, and dental care requiring hospitalization and general anesthesia
- **Informational campaigns:** Targeting new mothers to provide education on getting coverage for newborns
- **Tracking external reviews:** NDOI will look for patterns of denied claims and overturned denials for women's healthcare services

"Through our outreach, we are committed to empowering women in Nebraska to navigate their healthcare options effectively," said Eric Dunning, director of the NDOI. "The department wants to ensure all women have the support and resources they need to access essential health services."

Nebraskans and healthcare providers will be able to watch presentations, webinars or other educational seminars hosted by the NDOI.

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Members of the NDOI staff will also travel throughout the state to ensure women across all areas of Nebraska will be able to learn how to obtain preventive healthcare and maternal and pregnancy services.

The Nebraska Department of Insurance's mission is to safeguard those affected by the business of insurance through the fulfillment of our statutory obligations and by promoting the fair and just treatment of all parties to insurance transactions. For more information, visit NDOI's website at <https://doi.nebraska.gov/>.

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