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#### DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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# **Nebraskans Encouraged to Attend Insurance Listening Sessions**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — There have been several new developments in health insurance this year. The Nebraska Department of Insurance will be holding listening sessions across the state to address these developments and hear Nebraskans' concerns about health insurance. The Department will also discuss property and casualty topics that may be of interest to consumers.

Bruce Ramge, Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance, wants to remind individuals that open enrollment for individual Affordable Care Act plans begins November 1 and ends December 15. "The Department will be discussing all of the health insurance options available to Nebraskans and will also address questions or concerns insureds may have about any type of insurance," said Director Ramge.

During these sessions, Nebraskans will have an opportunity to hear and ask questions about:

- The current status of the Affordable Care Act and other health care coverage options
- The health insurance market and 2018 premiums
- · Changes to Medicare that are coming in 2020
- Preventative care coverage
- Mental health parity
- · Property and casualty insurance
- The appeals process for denied health claims and external review

The Department will offer two hours of free continuing education credit to insurance producers and brokers who attend the sessions.

Bruce R. Ramge, Director

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## Week One - Northeast Nebraska

#### **South Sioux City**

Monday, October 1 – 6:00pm - 8:00pm Delta Hotels by Marriot South Sioux City Riverfront 385 E 4th St, South Sioux City, NE (located in the Nebraska room)

#### **Norfolk**

Tuesday, October 2 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Divots Conference Center 4200 W Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE (located in the Dakota Room)

#### **Fremont**

Wednesday, October 3, 6:00pm – 8:00pm Holiday Inn Express Fremont 2415 N Lincoln Ave, Fremont, NE (located in meeting room A)

### **Week Two - Central Nebraska**

#### **Grand Island**

Tuesday, October 9 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Nebraska Extension in Hall County 3180 West U.S. Highway 34, Grand Island, NE (located in Extension Room 2)

#### Kearney

Wednesday, October 10 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Holiday Inn Express Kearney 508 S 2nd Ave, Kearney, NE

#### Holdrege

Thursday, October 11 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Holdrege Area Public Library 604 East Ave, Holdrege, NE (located downstairs)

## Week Three - Western Nebraska

#### **McCook**

Monday, October 15 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm McCook Community Hospital 1301 E H St, McCook, NE

#### **North Platte**

Monday, October 15 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Platte 300 Holiday Frontage Rd, North Platte, NE (located in the Sioux Banquet Room)

## **Sidney**

Tuesday, October 16 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Hampton Inn Sidney 635 Cabela Dr, Sidney, NE (located in the Sunset Board Room)

#### Gering

Wednesday, October 17 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Gering Civic Center 1050 M Street, Gering, NE (located in the Dome Dock room)

#### Chadron

Thursday, October 18 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Holiday Inn Express & Suites Chadron 247 Ash St, Chadron, NE

## Week Four - Lincoln & Omaha

#### Omaha

Wednesday, October 24 - 5:30pm - 7:30pm Benson Branch, Omaha Public Library 6015 Binney St, Omaha, NE (located in the meeting room)

#### Lincoln

Thursday, October 25 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library 6701 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE

# Week Five - Southeast Nebraska

#### **Nebraska City**

Tuesday, October 30 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Holiday Inn Express & Suites Nebraska City 801 NE-2, Nebraska City, NE 68410