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Nebraskans Encouraged to Attend Listening Sessions

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 (LINCOLN, NEB.) – Recently there has been a lot of news coming out of Washington D.C. regarding health insurance. Many Nebraskans may be left wondering about the current state of health insurance and how it will affect them. The Department of Insurance will be holding listening sessions across the state to answer these questions and listen to Nebraskans' concerns about the Affordable Care Act and 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 dates have changed this year and that the plan they had last year may no longer exist. "The open enrollment dates for the 2018 plan year begin on November 1 and end December 15. With these dates being different, along with the other significant changes to the Nebraska insurance market, I encourage individuals to come to the sessions and ask any questions they may have," said Ramge.

The Department of Insurance plans to share their expertise on health and property and casualty insurance. Individuals will also learn how to appeal a denied healthcare claim and the steps necessary to ensure the appeal is done correctly.

The listening sessions will consist of a brief discussion on the following topics:

- The current status of the Affordable Care Act and what to expect in the future
- The health insurance market and 2018 premiums
- Preventative care coverage
- Mental health parity
- Property and casualty insurance
- The appeals process for denied health claims and external review

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

Department staff will be available to answer questions following the presentations. The scheduled dates and locations for the sessions are as follows:

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October 2017 Session Dates

Gering

Wednesday, October 4
5:00pm-7:00pm
Gering Civic Center
The Pony & Pioneer Room
1050 M Street

Chadron

Thursday, October 5
5:00pm-7:00pm
Chadron State College
Reta E King Library
Room 108, downstairs
300 E. 12th Street

Holdrege

Wednesday, October 11
11:00am-1:00pm
Holdrege Area Public Library
Large meeting room, downstairs
604 East Ave

Kearney

Wednesday, October 11
5:00pm-7:00pm
Kearney Public Library
The Loup Room
2020 1st Ave

Grand Island

Thursday, October 12
5:00pm-7:00pm
Grand Island Public Central Library
Meeting Room ABC
211 N Washington St.

Hastings

Friday, October 13
9:00am-11:00am
Hastings College
Perkins Library
The seminar room, upstairs
705 E. 7th St.

Norfolk

Tuesday, October 31
5:00-7:00pm
Divots Conference Center
The Dakota Room
4200 W Norfolk Ave

November 2017 Session Dates

Columbus

Wednesday, November 1
Columbus Public Library
The Auditorium
2504 14th St.

Fremont

Thursday, November 2
10:00am-12:00pm
Keene Memorial Library
East Annex Building
1030 N Broad St

Omaha

Wednesday, November 8
South Omaha Library
Meeting Room A
215 S. 15th St.
Omaha, NE 68102

**Additional presentations will be added for
Lincoln and southeast Nebraska soon.**