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**Department of Insurance**



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## Listening Sessions Offered by Department of Insurance

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — Many Nebraskans have questions about insurance and how it affects their family or business. In order to answer these questions, the Department of Insurance will have experts on hand to speak about the recent changes in the Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare. The Department will also share their expertise and have a discussion on property and casualty topics that may interest business owners.

"With the increase in health insurance premiums, the upcoming open enrollment process will be very important. Nebraskans need to shop around and make sure that the plan they choose during open enrollment is the one that fits their needs," said Director of Insurance Bruce Ramage. "While price is one important factor, consumers need to make sure that the hospitals and doctors they go to are in their plan's network."

The Department of Insurance has scheduled listening sessions in several locations across the state to update consumers on changes in the market and answer any questions that they may have. This will be the first year that the Department will also be speaking about property and casualty insurance in addition to health insurance. "The Department wants to provide a positive consumer experience by providing Nebraskans with the best information possible on how and why they need to purchase insurance for their business or family," said Director Ramage.

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

- The ACA and the Future
- Health Insurance Options for individuals and small businesses
- 2017 Premiums
- Property and Casualty Insurance

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

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September 7, 2016

### **September 2016 Session Dates**

#### **Lexington**

Monday, September 12  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Lexington Public Library  
907 N. Washington

#### **North Platte**

Monday, September 12  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
North Platte Public Library  
120 W. 4th St.

#### **Gering**

Wednesday, September 14  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Gering Civic Center  
1050 M St.

#### **Sidney**

Thursday, September 15  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Cheyenne County Community Center  
627 Toledo Street

#### **Broken Bow**

Tuesday, September 27  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Broken Bow Public Library  
626 S D St.

#### **Kearney**

Tuesday, September 27  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Holiday Inn Express Kearney  
508 2nd Avenue South

#### **Holdrege**

Wednesday, September 28  
11:30pm-1:00pm  
Holdrege Area Public Library  
604 East Ave

#### **Hastings**

Thursday, September 29  
9:00am-10:00am  
Hastings Chamber of Commerce  
301 S Burlington Avenue

#### **Grand Island**

Thursday, September 29  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Grand Island Library  
211 N Washington St

### **October 2016 Session Dates**

#### **O'Neill**

Monday, October 24  
3:00pm-5:00pm  
O'Neill Public Library  
601 East Douglas

#### **South Sioux City**

Tuesday, October 25  
11:30am-1:00pm  
South Sioux City Public Library  
2121 Dakota Ave

#### **Norfolk**

Tuesday, October 25  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Divots Conference Center  
4200 W Norfolk Ave

#### **Columbus**

Wednesday, October 26  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Columbus Public Library Central Library  
2504 14th St

#### **Fremont**

Wednesday, October 26  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Holiday Inn Express Fremont  
2415 N Lincoln Ave

#### **Omaha**

Thursday, October 27  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
South Omaha Public Library  
2808 Q Street

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