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Small Businesses to be Surveyed about Health Insurance

This week approximately 1,800 small business employers across the state will receive a survey in the mail that could help policymakers find ways to make health insurance more accessible and affordable in Kansas. The survey is being funded by a grant awarded to the Kansas Insurance Department. “Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who have insurance and that is unacceptable in a nation as great as ours,” said Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger. “Everyone in our state needs to know about this issue and engage in a discussion about solutions. If we do nothing, the problem will only get worse.”

The Kansas Insurance Department received a State Planning Supplemental Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to gather information from business owners about the challenges they face in providing health benefits to their employees. In an effort to identify solutions, the Department formed a partnership with a research team from the University of Kansas Medical Center to conduct the survey.

“We encourage small business owners who receive the survey to give us a few minutes of their time,” said Commissioner Praeger. “Currently, more than 150,000 working Kansans do not have health care coverage and suffer health gaps as a result.”

After the business surveys are completed, focus groups will be held this fall in Wichita, Garden City, Salina and Kansas City to discuss ideas for improving the accessibility and affordability of health insurance.

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