



# Kansas Insurance Department

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

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**8/10 EDITOR'S NOTE: The meetings in Overland Park, Hays and Wichita have been cancelled.**

## Kansas Health Insurance Exchange topic of educational meetings

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Insurance Department are sponsoring four educational public meetings during August on the design and implementation of a proposed Kansas Health Insurance Exchange.

The meetings are open to the public, but registration is required, and seating is limited. To register, contact Emily Rishel, Kansas Chamber, (785) 357-6321, or email her at [emilyr@kansaschamber.org](mailto:emilyr@kansaschamber.org).

Speakers, including Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, will provide information on how an Exchange could work and offer a demonstration on how an Exchange could be designed and operated.

The proposed Exchange would be an online marketplace where individuals and small employers will be able to buy health insurance products sold by insurance companies. Individuals may enroll in any qualified health plan offered in a state Exchange, and employers could choose the coverage level of one or more qualified health plans for their employees.

The Exchange provisions are part of the federal Affordable Care Act.

Times and locations of the meetings:

**Topeka**—1:30-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

~~**Overland Park**—1:30-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, KU Edwards Campus, Regnier Hall Auditorium, 12600 Quivira Road.~~

~~**Hays**—1:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, Hays Medical Center, Hadley Conference Rooms, 2220 Canterbury Drive.~~

~~**Wichita**—1:30-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, Hughes Metropolitan Complex, Multipurpose Room, 5015 29<sup>th</sup> Street North.~~

*The Kansas Insurance Department, established in 1871, assists and educates consumers, regulates and reviews companies and licenses agents selling insurance products in the state. More about the department is online at [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org).*