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Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 15 is Last Day for Open Enrollment

Lincoln, NE (December 5, 2019) – The Nebraska Department of Insurance reminds Nebraskans that open enrollment for individual health insurance plans ends on December 15. "If you or your family need to find health insurance coverage, now is the time to shop and sign up," said Bruce Ramge, Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance.

Nebraska has two individual health insurers that sell Affordable Care Act plans in Nebraska: Medica and Bright Health. Ramge recommends individuals visit with their local health insurance agent to look at their options for 2020 to see what best fits their needs. Individuals can also sign up directly through **healthcare.gov**.

Ramge said that overall, premiums are down from last year but still may be expensive for those who do not have a subsidy to help pay for the coverage. In those instances, there are other options available if you want coverage, such as short-term duration plans. However, because short-term duration plans may not be as extensive and are not always available to those with pre-existing health conditions, it is best to meet with an insurance professional to explore health care needs.

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