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## Illinois Department of Insurance to Host Educational Webinars on Health Insurance Exchanges

***First webinar scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010; policymakers and interested parties are invited to participate***

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Insurance announced today the first in a series of educational webinars focused on the health insurance exchanges to be established under the federal health care reform bill, known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The first webinar, “Basics of an Exchange,” will cover: 1) the ACA requirements for an American Health Benefit Exchange; and 2) an overview of the open policy questions to be decided by State policymakers (e.g., governance options for the Exchange). Future webinars will explore such policy questions in more detail.

**TOPIC:** Basics of an Exchange  
**DATE:** Tuesday, December 14, 2010  
**TIME:** 2:00PM CST  
**WEB ADDRESS:** [insurance.illinois.gov/webinars](http://insurance.illinois.gov/webinars)

The presentation is scheduled to last approximately 45 minutes, with an opportunity for questions and answers. Questions may be submitted at any point during the webinar by sending an email to [DOI.Webinars@illinois.gov](mailto:DOI.Webinars@illinois.gov). For details about the technical requirements necessary to participate in the webinar, please visit [insurance.illinois.gov/webinars](http://insurance.illinois.gov/webinars) in advance.

For those unable to participate, the written presentation and an audio recording of the presentation will be available on both the Department of Insurance website ([insurance.illinois.gov](http://insurance.illinois.gov)), and the Governor’s Health Reform Implementation website ([healthcarereform.illinois.gov](http://healthcarereform.illinois.gov)).

### More Information

The Department’s mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry’s market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Department assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department’s Web site at [www.illinois.insurance.gov](http://www.illinois.insurance.gov) or call our toll-free hotline at (877) 527-9431.

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