



# KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

*Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner*

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## **Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt unveils 2021 Marketplace updates**

Topeka, Kan. – Today, Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, unveiled the 2021 Overview of the Health Insurance Market in Kansas. Open enrollment in the individual market begins November 1 and will run through December 15. Depending on location, Kansans shopping on the marketplace may have an additional company to choose from in 2021. Some Kansans may see reduced premiums compared to 2020.

“As we near open enrollment, Kansans need to know they do not have to keep their current plan if there is a better fit for them and their family,” Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. “With some counties seeing an additional carrier and average rate changes ranging from a reduction of nearly eight percent to an increase of just under ten percent it could be beneficial to shop around.”

In addition to the updated rates and carrier information for 2021, Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt would like to remind Kansans of a few important services covered under by fully insured non-grandfathered plans. For those who are looking to kick the tobacco habit and live a healthier life but need some assistance, tobacco cessation is a covered service. Screenings for depression are also covered which can be important for Kansans who may have had their mental health negatively impacted by COVID-19. Insurance shoppers need to be aware of the essential health benefits offered to them and the Department is here to help Kansans know what is covered.

For additional information on the 2021 Health Insurance Marketplace or for resources on shopping for insurance, please visit the Kansas Insurance Department’s website at [insurance.kansas.gov](https://insurance.kansas.gov).

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