



BeWellnm and Office of Superintendent of Insurance to Host 2nd Annual In-Person Road Show

*Road Show to raise awareness about changes to health insurance plans offered
through beWellnm and new OSI consumer tools being launched
in upcoming Open Enrollment period*

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Albuquerque, NM – In advance of the upcoming Open Enrollment period beginning Nov. 1, beWellnm and the Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) have announced the launch of the 2nd annual Health Insurance Road Show, where OSI and beWellnm leadership will meet with members of the media and elected officials, and host presentations for the community, agents and brokers in select cities throughout New Mexico from October 3rd through the 21st.

As part of the Road Show topics, beWellnm and OSI leadership will be sharing information about the upcoming beWellnm individual and small business health insurance plan availability and about the different ways in which consumers can get assistance with questions about their individual and small business health insurance plans. In addition, health insurance plan carrier representatives will be present to answer questions specific to their plans.

“Since open enrollment is starting in less than a month and because we have seen recent changes to the health insurance plans that will be available during the open enrollment period, we are looking forward to speaking with these important groups so that they can be better prepared to assist individuals through the next open enrollment period,” said Linda Wedeen, Sr. Director of Communications, Marketing & Outreach at beWellnm.

“After a thorough review, I have recently approved the 2017 health insurance plans and rates. Although some plan premiums will increase, many individuals may see a decrease, depending on their subsidy eligibility. It is imperative that consumers shop and compare plans each year to make sure they are getting the most value for their premiums, and the right plans for their families. OSI is looking forward to the Road Show and to assisting with a smooth open enrollment period again this year,” said John G. Franchini, Superintendent of Insurance.

BeWellnm and OSI leadership will visit select cities throughout the month of October including Las Vegas, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Roswell, Portales, Clovis, Albuquerque, Silver City, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Farmington, and Gallup between October 3rd and 21st.

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The following is a full list of Road Show presentation locations and details:

<p>Monday, October 3 9 – 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Las Vegas New Mexico Highlands University 800 National Ave SUB Classroom 322</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 4 Hobbs: 9 – 11 a.m. Carlsbad: 3 -5 p.m.</p>	<p>Hobbs University of the Southwest 6610 Lovington Hwy #T-20 Library Atrium</p> <p>Carlsbad New Mexico State University 1500 University Dr. Allied Health Building Room 425</p>
<p>Wed., October 5 Roswell: 9 – 11 a.m. Portales: 2 -4 p.m.</p>	<p>Roswell NM Military Institute 238-298 W. 19th St. Daniels Leadership Center</p> <p>Portales Public Library 100 W. First Street</p>
<p>Thursday, October 6 9 – 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Clovis Clovis Community College 417 Schepps Blvd Room 101</p>
<p>Thursday, October 13 1 – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Silver City Western NM University 1000 West College Ave.</p>
<p>Friday, October 14 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Las Cruces Doña Ana Community College 3400 S. Espina St. DASR 118 Conference Room</p>
<p>Monday, October 17 9 – 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Albuquerque ABQ Public Schools 6400 Uptown Blvd NE West Tower</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 18 2 – 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Santa Fe New Mexico Records Center & Archives 1205 Camino Carlos Rey Yucca Room</p>

Wed., October 19 12 – 2 p.m.	Farmington San Juan College 4601 College Blvd Henderson Fine Arts Bldg, Room 9008
Thursday, October 20 9 – 11 a.m.	Gallup UNM Gallup 705 Gurley Ave Calvin Hall, Rooms 100/101
Friday, October 21 9 – 11 a.m.	Road Show Webinar RSVP to osi.rsvp@state.nm.us
Friday, October 21 3 – 4 p.m.	Provider Search Training Webinar RSVP to osi.rsvp@state.nm.us

For more information on the upcoming Open Enrollment period or to see a full schedule of Road Show events and to RSVP, visit www.beWellnm.com.

About beWellnm, New Mexico’s Health Insurance Exchange

BeWellnm was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellnm helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. BeWellnm also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance and if so, at what level. Through beWellnm for Small Business, small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans. Enrollment Counselors and insurance agents are available throughout the state to help with signing up for health insurance.

To find more information on beWellnm, New Mexico’s Health Insurance Exchange, visit www.beWellnm.com or call us at 1-855-996-6449.

About the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance

The Office of Superintendent of Insurance was created through New Mexico legislative action in 2012. Article XI, Section 20, of the New Mexico Constitution separated the Insurance Division from the Public Regulation Commission, with the Superintendent of Insurance, John G. Franchini, being appointed by an insurance nominating committee, made of members chosen by the Legislature, governor, and by committee members.

OSI remains committed to consumer protection and fraud prosecution and education, through our mission to provide convenient access to consumers to reliable insurance products which are underwritten by dependable and financially sound companies. We strive to ensure that these companies have a proven history of fair and reasonable rates and are represented by trustworthy and qualified agents.

For consumer assistance through the Office of Superintendent of Insurance, please visit www.osi.state.nm.us or call us at 1-855-857-0972.

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