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## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER HOLDS HEARING ON HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

**CONCORD, NH – October 26, 2011** - New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny announced today that he will hold a public hearing this Friday concerning premium rates in the health insurance market. The hearing will focus on the factors that have contributed to rate increases during the past year, including trends in health care claim costs, insurer administrative costs and profits. The Commissioner will issue a report later this year identifying and quantifying health care spending trends and the underlying factors that contributed to increases in health insurance premiums. The major health insurance carriers in New Hampshire will provide testimony, and representatives of health care provider groups have been invited to participate. The public hearing will be held on:

**October 28, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

**at the**

**N.H. Department of Safety - Fire Standards & Training Academy**

**98 Smokey Bear Boulevard**

**Concord, NH 03301**

The New Hampshire Insurance Department invites all interested persons, including health insurance consumers and purchasers, to attend the public hearing. Persons who wish to participate in the hearing may offer oral or written testimony.

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## ABOUT THE NH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The New Hampshire Insurance Department, the first insurance regulator in the US, was created in 1851 and charged with enforcing and administering New Hampshire's insurance laws. The department, an agency of the executive branch of New Hampshire state government, conducts safety and soundness and market conduct examinations of licensees, licenses insurance companies and insurance producers, reviews premium rates and policy forms, provides assistance, information and referral services to New Hampshire insurance consumers, and

administers the filing and collection of New Hampshire's insurance premium tax. For more information, visit the Insurance Department's web site at: [www.nh.gov/insurance](http://www.nh.gov/insurance).