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## **Rep. Feigenholtz, Dept. of Insurance Seek Business Input on Health Insurance Exchange**

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz is hosting a seminar for local businesses and facilitated by the Illinois Department of Insurance on Wednesday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. The seminar will be held in the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center Olson Auditorium located at 836 West Wellington in Lakeview.

At this seminar, business owners will discuss and collaborate with Department representatives on the state's implementation of a state health insurance exchange. The ACA allows states to set up their own health insurance exchanges, or marketplaces, for individuals and businesses to shop for the insurance plan that best fits their needs and budgets. The Department is actively seeking the input of businesses in its planning process.

“Up until now, most small business owners in our community have had little reason to learn about health care, group plans or purchasing insurance,” Feigenholtz said. “I cannot stress enough how important it is for business owners to learn about the issues now so that they are prepared for when these changes happen.”

Additionally, the seminar will serve as an informational workshop for business owners on recent and upcoming changes to employer insurance, offering an overview of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and the effects of ACA on smaller businesses.

RSVPs for this event are required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Feigenholtz's constituent services office at (773) 296-4141 or [sara@staterepsara.com](mailto:sara@staterepsara.com).

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