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(Neb.)-State Health Insurance Marketplace Figures Posted

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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - The Nebraska Department of Insurance has released proposed premium rates submitted under the federal health care overhaul.

The department says the sample premium rates posted on a state website at <http://1.usa.gov/19Sw519> are only a preliminary tool for comparison.

Lower-cost options will be available to Nebraskans, but the figures aren't shown in the 2013-to-2014 comparison sample

Tom Gilsdorf of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska says the comparisons are not apples-to-apples because coverage that will be sold for 2014 is new and must cover a range of benefits that were not covered in the past.

Starting in October, people who don't have health insurance will be required by the Affordable Care Act to buy coverage.