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**Vermont Health Connect and Libraries Partner on Health Insurance 101 Events**

*Events Bring Vermonters Together to Discuss Health Insurance and Financial Help to Pay for It*

WILLISTON, VT – Staff and Assistants from Vermont Health Connect are traveling to libraries throughout the state this fall to help customers and potential customers better understand health insurance terms, financial help, the state’s health insurance marketplace, and other information to help them find the right health plan for their needs and budget. The events are scheduled in preparation for Open Enrollment – November 1 through January 31 – the time when Vermonters can select 2016 health insurance plans.

“We are working to ensure that all Vermonters have the information they need to find the right health plan for them,” said Steven Costantino, Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access. “The world of health insurance has a language of its own. We want to make that language easier to understand. Who better to partner with in that regard than Vermont’s libraries?”

“Vermont’s public libraries have long served as meeting places and information centers for community members,” said State Librarian Martha Reid. “As Vermonters venture into the new world of health insurance, I hope they will visit their local library – what better place to go to make sure that they’re taking the right steps in health insurance decisions?”

The newly announced events, which are free and open to public, will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

**Canaan:** September 28, 5:30-7pm – [Alice M. Ward Memorial Library](#)

**Newport:** October 3, 10:00-11:30am – [Goodrich Memorial Library](#)

**Rutland:** October 6, 5:30-7pm – [Rutland Public Library](#)

**Burlington:** October 7, 5:30-7pm – [Fletcher Free Library](#)

**Essex:** October 8, 6:00-7:30pm – [Essex Free Library](#)

**Lyndon:** October 13, 5:30-7pm – [Cobleigh Public Library](#)

**Barton:** October 19, 5:30-7pm – [Jones Memorial Library](#)

**Barre:** October 20, 5:30-7pm – [Aldrich Public Library](#)

**Brattleboro:** October 21, 5:30-7pm – [Brooks Library](#)

**Bennington:** October 22, 5:30-7pm – [Bennington Free Library](#)

For details on upcoming events, visit [VermontHealthConnect.gov](http://VermontHealthConnect.gov) or call 1-855-899-9600 (toll-free). Stay connected with the latest news and updates through [Facebook.com/VermontHealthConnect](https://Facebook.com/VermontHealthConnect) and [Twitter.com/vthealthconnect](https://Twitter.com/vthealthconnect).

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