

## **LORI SHIBINETTE/LOUDON LEDGER MARCH 2017**

New Hampshire's second-highest ranking health official, Deputy Commissioner of Health & Human Services Lori Shibinette, will be in Loudon on Monday evening, March 13, to meet with residents, talk about the various forms of health insurance available to New Hampshire citizens, and answer residents' questions about the qualification requirements for various programs, application processes, whom to contact if you have questions about coverage, and costs.

The program will be at Charlie's Barn Community Building off South Village Road, beginning at 6:30 pm on March 13. It is sponsored by State Representatives Howard Moffett and Michael Moffett (representing Loudon and Canterbury in Merrimack District 9), and Howard Pearl (representing Loudon, Canterbury, and three other towns in Merrimack Floterial District 26), as one in a series of meetings with constituents in Loudon and Canterbury.

Ms. Shibinette will open with a brief overview of public and private health insurance options available to New Hampshire residents, followed by a question-and-answer exchange with members of the audience, up until approximately 8 pm. The program will not be a political debate about the merits or criticisms of the federal Affordable Care Act or our own state-designed Medicaid expansion program (the New Hampshire Health Protection Program)—rather, it will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of insurance questions that come up for residents seeking health care under one or another form of health insurance.

Time permitting, and for as long as attendees remain, the sponsoring state representatives will stay to discuss pending state legislation with residents who have questions about current legislative issues.

Ms. Shibinette was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Health & Human Services in November, 2016. She had previously served for 16 years as Administrator and Director of Clinical Services at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, where she received

consistently high marks for her management from the Merrimack County Legislative Delegation.

She is a Registered Nurse, with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's Degree in Business Administration – Health Administration from Franklin Pierce University. She is currently enrolled in a doctorate program at Rivier College.