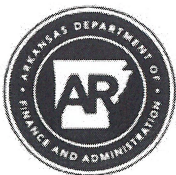


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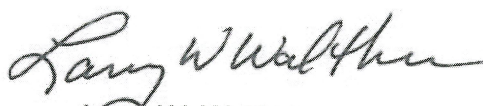
Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY24 Tobacco Settlement

Dear Co-Chairs:

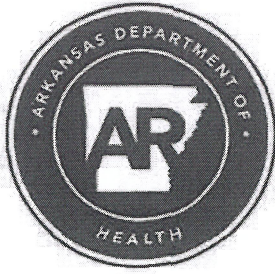
I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Tobacco Settlement Account Funding request for carry forward of funds into the next biennium from the Department of Human Services and the Arkansas Department of Health Minority Health Commission. I have determined that the sufficient justification exists for this funding to be carried over to the next biennium and the Arkansas Department of Health Tobacco Settlement Commission has certified that the criteria has been met as established by Arkansas Code § 19-12-108 and referenced in the attached letter from the Arkansas Department of Health Tobacco Settlement Commission. I am seeking your review prior to my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther,
Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Arkansas Department of Health

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Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
101 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 108 • Little Rock, AR 72201 • (501) 663-0074
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Renee Mallory, RN, BSN, Interim Secretary of Health
Andrea Allen, Commission Chair

May 8, 2023

Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Room 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission.

Under A.C.A § 19-12-108, you have the authority to authorize the carry forward of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs after an official request from the agency program director. The Arkansas Minority Health Commission has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of over the biennium for the Minority Health Commission.

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is in compliance with all provisions listed in A.C.A § 19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Renee Mallory,
Interim Secretary of Health

Cc:

Jo Thompson, Chief Fiscal Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
Kenya Eddings, Executive Director, Arkansas Minority Health Commission



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May 10, 2023

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Dear Secretary Walther:

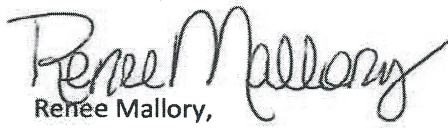
Under § 19-12-108 of Arkansas Code, the Arkansas Department of Health Minority Health Commission (AMHC) respectfully requests that the fund balance in the Targeted State Needs Program Account (TSE0100) on June 30, 2023, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds, which are necessary to facilitate the mission and vision of the AMHC.

The Commission was unable to actualize all its objectives due to various factors including adjusting activities in relation to fewer restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, staff turnover, and restructuring staff roles. I am requesting an opportunity to utilize those funds to aggressively and systematically tackle the major health issues that plague Arkansans. It is my hope that I am afforded the chance to make right by those funds for the good of the people.

The Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act requires that AMHC certifies that we are in compliance with § 19-12-118 as a condition of your approving this request.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Renee Mallory,
Interim Secretary of Health

Cc:

Jo Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
Kenya Eddings, Executive Director, ADH Arkansas Minority Health Commission



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June 1, 2023

Mr. Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Post Office Box 3278
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Mr. Walther,


Pursuant to A.C.A. §19-12-108, I respectfully request that the fund balance in the Medicaid Expansion Program Account (TSG0100) on June 30, 2023, be carried over into the next state fiscal year. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds which are used to fund the Medicaid Expansion Program.

As you are aware, the budget approved by the Legislature and put into law by the Governor for SFY 2024 included the carry-over of unspent tobacco settlement funds into the next fiscal year in order to fully fund the Medicaid budget. The adequacy of our Medicaid budget for the next fiscal year is dependent on our ability to use these funds.

The Act requires the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC) certify that we are in compliance with §19-12-108 as a condition of your approving this request. We have requested a certification from ATSC and requested that they forward their certification directly to you.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Kristi Putnam
Secretary

cc: Mary Franklin, Director DHS Division of County Operations
Janet Mann, DHS Deputy Director for Health and Medicaid Director
Elizabeth Pitman, Director DHS Division of Medical Services
Jason Callan, DHS Chief Financial Officer for Medicaid
Misty Eubanks, Chief Financial Officer



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May 8, 2023

Larry Walther, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Tobacco Settlement Medicaid Expansion Program.

Under § 19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, you have the authority to authorize the carry forward of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs after an official request from the agency program director. Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program.

The Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program is in compliance with all provisions listed in A.C.A § 19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jo" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

Jo Thompson,
Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health

Cc:

Renee Mallory, Interim Secretary of Health, Arkansas Department of Health
Andrea Allen, Commission Chair, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
Kristi Putnam, Secretary, Department of Human Services
Mary Franklin, DHS, Director, Division of County Operations
Jack Sisson, Policy Director, Office of the Governor