

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor**  
**House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Thursday, July 25, 2013**

**01:00 PM**

**Room 171, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair  
Sen. Paul Bookout, Vice Chair  
Sen. Linda Chesterfield  
Sen. Stephanie Flowers  
Sen. David Burnett  
Sen. Missy Irvin  
Sen. Jonathan Dismang  
Sen. Ronald Caldwell

Rep. John Burriss, Chair  
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Vice Chair  
Rep. James L. Word  
Rep. Butch Wilkins  
Rep. Mark Perry  
Rep. Stephanie Malone  
Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV  
Rep. Greg Leding  
Rep. Fredrick J. Love  
Rep. Kelley Linck  
Rep. Justin T. Harris  
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw  
Rep. Kim Hammer  
Rep. David L. Branscum  
Rep. David Meeks  
Rep. Andy Mayberry

Rep. Betty Overbey  
Rep. Chris Richey  
Rep. Richard Womack  
Rep. Deborah Ferguson  
Rep. Nate Steel, Non-Voting  
Rep. Mark Biviano, Non-Voting  
Rep. Charlie Collins, Non-Voting  
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Non-Voting  
Rep. Tommy Thompson, Non-Voting  
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas, Non-Voting  
Rep. Sue Scott, Non-Voting  
Rep. Mark D. McElroy, Non-Voting  
Rep. Stephen Magie, Non-Voting  
Rep. John K. Hutchison, Non-Voting  
Rep. John Baine, Non-Voting  
Rep. Mary Broadaway, Non-Voting

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- A. Call to Order.
- B. Review of the June 27 & 28, 2013 Minutes (**EXHIBITS B-1 & B-2**)
- C. Comments by the Chairs
- D. Update on the Office of Medicaid Inspector General (Act 1499 of 2013)
1. Jay Shue, Medicaid Inspector General
  2. Bart Dickinson, Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General
  3. Discussion by the Committees
- E. Implementation of the Private Option: Expansion of Health Care Coverage (Act 1498 of 2013)
- Medicaid Waiver Needed from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- Arkansas Draft 1115 Waiver is out for Public Comment. Waiver to be submitted to CMS, August 2, 2013. Copy of the draft is available at the link below. (**EXHIBIT E**)
- <https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/general/comment/demowaivers.aspx>
1. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
  2. Discussion by the Committees

**NOTE:** **All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means only and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)**

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- F. Concern with the 1902(a) (15) Provision of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver (EXHIBIT F)
  - 1. Sip Mouden, CEO, Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc.
  - 2. Allan Nichols, CEO, Mainline Health Systems
  - 3. Dr. Susan Ward Jones, CEO, East Arkansas Family Health Centers
  - 4. Kathy Grisham, CEO/Executive Director, Community Clinic
  - 5. Tony Calandro, CEO, Healthy Connections
  - 6. Discussion by the Committees
- G. Certifying Qualified Health Plans—Planning for Open Enrollment. The Insurance Commissioner received letters from 5 companies of their intent to offer a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) in the Health Insurance Marketplace. The new website for Arkansas Health Connector is <http://www.arhealthconnector.org/>. The Commissioner recommends by July 31, 2013 to the federal government, approved QHP and dental plans for inclusion in the Health Insurance Marketplace.
  - 1. Jay Bradford, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Department
  - 2. Cindy Crone, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Health Connector Division, Arkansas Insurance Department  
**(EXHIBIT G)**
  - 3. Discussion by the Committees
- H. Implementation of the Medicaid Primary Care Case Management Program (Act 1453 of 2013)
  - 1. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
  - 2. Discussion by the Committees
- I. Implementation of the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (Act 1265 of 2013)
  - 1. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
  - 2. Discussion by the Committees
- J. Initial Findings on Payment Improvement Episodes **(EXHIBIT J)**
  - 1. Dawn Zekis, Director, Health Care Innovation, Department of Human Services
  - 2. Discussion by the Committees
- K. Other Business
- L. Adjournment