

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce
House Committee on Insurance and Commerce
Meeting Jointly

Monday, September 28, 2020
9:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jason Rapert, Chair
Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Vice-Chair
Sen. Joyce Elliott
Sen. Larry Teague
Sen. Linda Chesterfield
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jane English
Sen. Mark Johnson

Rep. Mark Lowery, Chair
Rep. Robin Lundstrum, Vice-Chair
Rep. Reginald Murdock
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Michelle Gray
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Laurie Rushing
Rep. Jim Sorvillo
Rep. DeAnn Vaught

Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. John Maddox
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Roger D. Lynch
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Joe Cloud
Rep. Denise Jones Ennett

Committee meetings are open to the public. However there is limited seating due to the social distancing requirements and members of the public shall wear a mask while in the Big Mac Building.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chairmen Remarks
 - 1. Senator Jason Rapert, Chairman, Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee
 - 2. Representative Mark Lowery, Chairman, House Insurance and Commerce Committee
- C. Consideration to Adopt August 31, 2020, Meeting Minutes **[EXHIBIT C]**
- D. Discussion Regarding Employee Benefits Division Board Decision to Eliminate Pharmacy Benefits in the State Retiree's Health Insurance Plan for 2021 **[EXHIBITS D1a, D1b, D1c, D1d, D1e]**
 - 1. Ms. Amy Fecher, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Transformation and Shared Services (TSS)
 - 2. Mr. Chris Howlett, Director, Employee Benefits Division, TSS
 - 3. Mr. John Bridges, Executive Director, Arkansas State Employees Association
 - 4. Others
- E. Insurance Claims or Coverage Issues Related to COVID-19 in Arkansas; Health Insurance Exchange Report **[EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3]**
 - Mr. Alan McClain, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Department, Arkansas Department of Commerce
- F. COVID-19 Claims Issues
 - Ms. Max Greenwood, Vice President of Government & Media Affairs, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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G. Contact Tracing

1. Jose Romero, MD, Cabinet Secretary, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) (Invited)
2. Jennifer A. Dillaha, MD, State Epidemiologist, Medical Director, Immunizations and Outbreak Response, ADH
3. Don Adams, MPH, RS, Deputy Director of Administration, ADH
4. G.B. Cazes, Metova Inc.
5. Bob Sanders, General Manager, Arkansas Information Consortium

H. Discussion on Reports of Certain Pharmacies Refusing to Fill Prescriptions for Hydroxychloroquine
--John Vinson, Pharm.D., Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, Arkansas Pharmacists Association

I. Issues With Restrictions Placed on Doctors or Hospitals Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine or Any Medication or Procedure Doctors Order or Prescribe to Treat COVID-19 Patients

1. Ms. Amy Embry, Executive Director, Arkansas Medical Board
2. Mr. Kevin O'Dwyer, Arkansas Medical Board Attorney

J. Possible Resumption of Disconnection for Non-payment by Arkansas Utilities
--Mr. Ted Thomas, Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission

K. Reports Received

[EXHIBIT K]

--2020 Workers Compensation Insurance Market in Arkansas (available electronically)

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment