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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1150

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1150

Amend House Bill No. 1150 as originally introduced:

Delete Representative Carter as the sponsor of the bill

AND

Add Joint Budget Committee as the sponsor of the bill

AND

Insert the additional sections immediately following SECTION 15 to read as follows:

" SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

(a) As used in this section, "Health Care Independence Program" means the Health Care Independence Program established under the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, Arkansas Code § 20-77-2401 et seq.

(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Department of Human Services shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of advertisement,



promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program, including without limitation:

(A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential recipients;

(B) Television, radio, or online commercials;

(C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;

(D) Advertisements printed in newspapers, magazines, or other print media; and

(E) Internet websites and electronic media.

(2) This subsection does not prohibit the department from:

(A) Direct communications with:

(i) Licensed insurance agents; and

(ii) Persons licensed by the department;

(B) Solicited communications with potential recipients;

(C)(i) Responding to an inquiry regarding the coverage for which a potential recipient might be eligible, including without limitation providing educational materials or information regarding any coverage for which the individual might qualify.

(ii) Educational materials and information distributed under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

(D) Using an Internet website for the exclusive purpose of enrolling individuals in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program.

(d) The Department of Human Services shall not apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program.

(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the Department of Human Services shall not:

(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(1)(A)(ii) of this section, allocate, budget, expend, or utilize an appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of funding activities of navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

(ii) Subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section does not apply to regulatory and training responsibilities related to navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers; and

(B) Apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of funding activities of navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

(2) Subdivision (e)(1) of this section does not apply to certified application counselors at health related institutions, including without limitation the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(f) An appropriation authorized by the General Assembly shall not be

subject to the provisions allowed through reallocation of resources or transfer of appropriation authority for the purpose of transferring an appropriation to any other appropriation authorized for the Department of Human Services to be allocated, budgeted, expended, or utilized in a manner prohibited by this section.

(g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

(h) This section expires on June 30, 2015.

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

(a) As used in this section, "Health Care Independence Program" means the Health Care Independence Program established under the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, Arkansas Code § 20-77-2401 et seq.

(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(c)(1) The Department of Human Services shall submit and seek approval of a state plan amendment or waiver, or both, for the following revisions to the Health Care Independence Program to be effective no later than February 1, 2015:

(A) Approval of a limited state-designed nonemergency transportation benefit for persons covered under the Health Care Independence Program;

(B) Approval of a model to allow non-aged, nondisabled persons eligible to participate in the Health Care Independence Program to enroll in a program that will create and utilize independence accounts that operate similarly to a health savings account or medical savings account; and

(C) That cost sharing under the Health Care Independence Program shall apply to beneficiaries with incomes above fifty percent (50%) of the federal poverty level.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall:

(A) Submit drafts of state plan amendments or waivers required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section for public comment by August 1, 2014; and

(B) File the required state plan amendments or waivers with the United States Department of Health and Human Services by September 15, 2014.

(d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, if

the Department of Human Services is unable to secure the approvals requested under subsection (c) of this section, then effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2015, the Department of Human Services shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Health Care Independence Program.

(2) Subdivision (d)(1) of this section does not prohibit the payment of expenses incurred before February 1, 2015, by persons participating in the Health Care Independence Program who were determined to be more effectively covered through the standard Medicaid program.

(e) This section expires on June 30, 2015."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representatives Bell, J. Burris
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