

REPORT OF THE
ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE (AHIM) LEGISLATIVE
OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

May 17, 2019

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Oversight Subcommittee met Thursday, May 16, 2019, in Committee Room B of the Multi-Agency Complex (MAC) in Little Rock, Arkansas. The subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

- 1) Tom Bullington, Legislative Audit Staff, reported that all cash and capital assets from the private non-profit Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace were transferred to the Arkansas Insurance Department, effective March 15, 2019, totaling approximately \$1.7 million.
- 2) Allen Kerr, State Insurance Commissioner, reported that the Arkansas Insurance Department recommends that the 1.25% user fee on all AHIM plans sold on the exchange be eliminated in Plan Year 2020; and stated that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is reducing their technology fee by .5%, effective in January 2020 for Plan Year 2020. As a result, plans on the Health Insurance Marketplace should be more affordable to the consumer.
- 3) Senator Hammer made a motion, which was seconded by Representative Lowery, to accept the Insurance Department's recommendation to eliminate the 1.25% user fee in Plan Year 2020 and the motion carried.
- 4) Commissioner Kerr announced that effective May 1, 2019, there were 57,400 people currently covered under health insurance plans purchased through the marketplace. The Commissioner agreed to send a monthly report to the Oversight Subcommittee, listing the number of people covered each month.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Kim Hammer, Senate Co-Chair

Representative Deborah Ferguson, House Co-Chair