

**REPORT OF THE
HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 18, 2020

Senator Bledsoe and Representative Wardlaw, Co-Chairs:

The Health Insurance Marketplace Oversight Subcommittee met December 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in Committee Room A. The Subcommittee discussed and reviewed the following items.

1. Discussed the number of persons who have purchased insurance under the Health Insurance Marketplace, trends over time, cost of the plans, and geographical breakdown of persons purchasing plans. Chantel Allbritton, Manager, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace and Alan McClain, Insurance Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Commerce, Insurance Division provided testimony.

2. Joe Thompson, MD, MPH, Director, Arkansas Center of Health Improvement (ACHI), and Craig Wilson, Health Policy Director, ACHI, discussed a recent study comparing the health insurance cost in Arkansas versus surrounding states. The findings showed the rates are lower in Arkansas than all bordering states.

Respectfully submitted by Co-Chairs, Senator Hammer and Representative Deborah Ferguson.