

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

May 18, 2018

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair

Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chair

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Legislative Oversight Subcommittee met Thursday, May 17, 2018, in Room 130 of the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chair Deborah Ferguson reminded the subcommittee members of their responsibility as a subcommittee to recommend to the Legislative Council by the end of the year, whether to continue the operations of the AHIM as a separate entity, or to move those duties to the Arkansas Insurance Department.

The subcommittee heard an update from Angela Lowther, Director, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) on the activities of the board. She reported that 68,100 people enrolled into the 2018 insurance plans in the marketplace, but only 55,000 of them made their first monthly premium payment. She said that AHIM closed out the federal grant they had received to pay for start-up costs. Angela said that AHIM was able in 2017 to absorb the technology fee increase from 2017 to 2018. She also said that AHIM had approximately 1,000 agents and brokers assisting people to get enrolled in the marketplace plans, which included about 70 new agents and brokers in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chair

Representative Deborah Ferguson, Co-Chair