

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

July 21, 2017

Senator Sample and Representative Branscum, Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Oversight Subcommittee met Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Committee Room B, MAC in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

1. Creation of the Subcommittee by Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2017. Testimony was from Alix Stephens and Jessica Beel, Legislative Attorneys, Bureau of Legislative Research.
2. Update on the Budget, Personnel, and Recent Activities of the AHIM Board of Directors and Staff. Testimony was from Mike Castleberry, Chair, AHIM Board of Directors, and Angela Lowther, Deputy Director and Acting Director, AHIM Board of Directors.
3. The AHIM Board reported that the final Federal Technology Fee for Plan Year 2018 had been set at 2%. This showed an increase from 1.5%, which was reported to the AHIM Oversight Committee in September of 2016. However, the AHIM will keep the total user fee at 3% by adjusting the percentage that AHIM receives down to 1%, and 2% going to the Federal Technology Fee.
4. AHIM reported that they currently have 79 employers participating in the Small business Exchange Program (SHOP) which covers 476 individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chair

Representative Deborah Ferguson, Co-Chair