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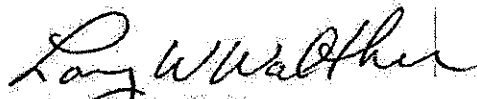
Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY20 Tobacco Settlement

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Tobacco Settlement Account Funding request for carry forward of funds into the next biennium from the Department of Human Services and the Arkansas Minority Health Commission. I have determined that sufficient justification exists for this funding to be carried over to the next biennium and the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission has certified that the criteria has been met as established by the Arkansas Code §19-12-108 and referenced in the attached letter from Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission. I am seeking your review prior to my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Director

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Attachment(s)

FY20



Asa Hutchinson
Governor

ShaRhonda J. Love, MPH
Director



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May 1, 2019

Larry W. Walther, Director
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th St., Room 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

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5/3/19

Dear Director Walther:

Under §19-12-108 of Arkansas Code, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission (AMHC) respectfully requests that the fund balance in the Targeted State Needs Program Account (TSE0100) on June 30th, 2019, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlements funds, which are necessary to facilitate the mission and vision of the AMHC.

Arkansas Minority Health Commission was unable to actualize all its objectives due to various factors including staff reduction and turnover, restructuring staff roles and programs, and updates for agency priorities. Mr. Walther, I am requesting an opportunity to utilize those funds to aggressively and systematically tackle the major health issues that plague Arkansans. It is my hope that I am afforded the chance to make right by those funds for the good of the people.

The Act requires that the AMHC certify that we are in compliance with §19-12-118 as a condition of your approving this request.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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ShaRhonda Love
Director

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ARKANSAS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

May 6, 2019

Larry Walther, Director
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Room 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Director Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission.

Under §19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, you have the authority to authorize the carry-over of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs, after an official request from the agency program director. Arkansas Minority Health Commission has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission.

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is in compliance with all provisions listed in Arkansas Code §19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Henderson" followed by a stylized monogram.

John Henderson, MD
Commission Chair, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Cc: Jack Hopkins, Office of the Governor
ShaRhonda Love, Executive Director, Arkansas Minority Health Commission

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May 6, 2019

Larry Walther, Director
Department of Finance & Administration
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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5/10/19

Dear Director Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program

Under §19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, you have the authority to authorize the carry-over of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs, after an official request from the agency program director. Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program.

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the Tobacco Settlement-Medicaid Expansion Program is in compliance with all provisions listed in Arkansas Code §19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of John Henderson, MD.

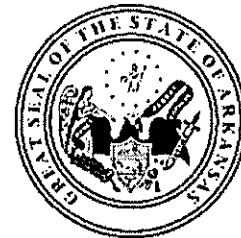
John Henderson, MD
Commission Chair, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Cc: Jack Hopkins, Office of the Governor
Cindy Gillespie, Director, Department of Human Services
Mary Franklin, DHS, Director, Division of County Operations



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May 13, 2019

Mr. Larry Walther, Director
Department of Finance and Administration
Post Office Box 3278
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Mr. Walther:

Pursuant to A.C.A. §19-12-108, I respectfully request that the fund balance in the Medicaid Expansion Program Account (TSG0100) on June 30, 2019, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds which are used to fund the Medicaid Expansion Program.

As you are aware, the budget approved by the Legislature and put into law by the Governor for the 2019-2020 Biennium included the carry-over of unspent tobacco settlement funds into the next biennium in order to fully fund the Medicaid budget. The adequacy of our Medicaid budget for the next biennium is dependent on our ability to use these funds.

The Act requires that the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC) certify that we are in compliance with §19-12-108 as a condition of your approving this request. We have requested a certification from ATSC and requested that they forward their certification directly to you.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Gillespie
Director

cc: Mary Franklin, Director Division of County Operations
Dawn Stehle, DHS Deputy Director for Health and Medicaid Director
Janet Mann, Director DHS Division of Medical Services
David McMahon, DHS Chief Financial Officer for Medicaid Services
Misty Bowen Eubanks, DHS Chief of Business Operations and Interim Chief Financial Officer



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May 13, 2019

Commission Chair John Henderson
Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 108
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commission Chair Henderson:

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 19-12-108, I respectfully request that the fund balance in the Medicaid Expansion Program Account (TSG0100) on June 30, 2019, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds which are used to fund the Medicaid Expansion Program.

As you are aware, The Executive Recommendations for the 2019-2020 Biennium included the carry-over of unspent tobacco settlement funds into the next biennium in order to fully fund the Medicaid budget. The adequacy of our Medicaid budget for the next biennium is dependent on our ability to use these funds.

The Act requires that the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certify that we are in compliance with § 19-12-118 as a condition of your approving this request. Please forward your certification directly to the Department of Finance and Administration Director, Larry Walther.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Gillespie
Director

cc: Mary Franklin, Director Division of County Operations
Dawn Stehle, DHS Deputy Director for Health and Medicaid Director
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