



**Department of Transformation and Shared Services**

Governor Asa Hutchinson

Secretary Amy Fecher

Director Jake Bleed

April 6, 2022

The Honorable Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
Room 315, State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to Act 1004 of 2021, Sec. 1 (e)(3), the following actions of the Board of Finance are submitted for the approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

The Board of Finance (Board) adopted the recommendations of the Drug Utilization and Evaluation Committee (DUEC) from January 2022. Please see attached report of the DUEC.

The Board voted to recommend a dispensing fee of \$20 to pharmacists who provide certain anti-viral drugs to members of the Arkansas State and Public School Life and Health Insurance plan. Please see attached request from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association regarding this request.

The Board voted to extend the contract of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services with HMO Partners, Inc., d.b.a. HealthAdvantage for the 2023 calendar year. The requested increase as well as supporting analysis is attached to this request.

In adopting these measures, the Board of Finance acted on the recommendations of the Employee Benefits Division.

Sincerely,

*Jake Bleed*

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