

**Report Of The
Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM)
Oversight Subcommittee
Of The
Arkansas Legislative Council
January 17, 2020**

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, January 6, 2020 in Room 171 of the State Capitol in Little Rock. The Subcommittee met jointly with the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees to allow Insurance Commissioner Kerr to only present his report one time instead of having to make his report twice to both committees and the subcommittee. The Subcommittee heard the following testimony.

- 1) Insurance Commissioner Kerr noted that the Health Insurance Marketplace was transferred to the Arkansas Insurance Department on March 15, 2019 and as a result the expenses of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) dropped dramatically.
- 2) The Commissioner noted that there are 4 Insurance Companies offering 28 different plans which are either gold, silver, or bronze plans on the exchange. He also said that all of these plans are being offered statewide and the rates are uniform across regions for all companies.
- 3) The Commissioner further noted that the Federal Exchange User Fee has been reduced from 3.0% to 2.5% and the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Exchange User Fee of 1.25% has been eliminated beginning January 1, 2020. This has resulted in lower premium increases ranging from .51% to 2.89% for all policies being offered on the exchange. Enrollment in the exchange stands at 64,601 to begin Program Year 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Kim Hammer and Representative Deborah Ferguson.