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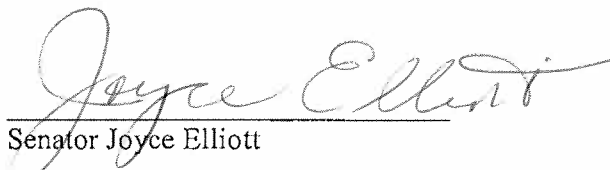
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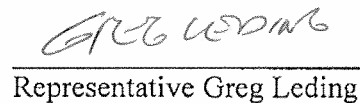
The Hospital & Medicaid Study Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council met December 7, 2011. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), introduced Andy Allison, the new Director of the Medical Services Division, DHS. The subcommittee members questioned Mr. Allison about his experiences with Medicaid in the state of Kansas and welcomed him to Arkansas.

The subcommittee also heard from Katy Carver, Executive Director of the Arkansas Waiver Association, that a proposed model for creating service centers for the developmentally disabled in regions of the state, could lead to cuts in services; and an additional layer of bureaucracy between patients and care. Charlie Green, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, said the regional service centers would not create a new level of bureaucracy, and would not reduce services or care options.

The subcommittee decided to monitor more closely the process DHS is using to change the way Arkansas health care providers are reimbursed for services.

Respectfully Submitted,


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