



STATE OF ARKANSAS

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Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1284, the Medicaid Expansion Program Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2017-2018:

Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL SERVICES – MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM GRANTS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2017-2018	
(01) HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 42,510,440	\$ 92,510,440
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 47,064,222	\$ 97,064,222

Please amend SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM – PAYING ACCOUNTS as follows:

MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM – PAYING ACCOUNTS. The Medicaid Expansion Program as established by Initiated Act 1 of 2000 and enacted in the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act shall be a separate and distinct component ~~embracing (1) expanded Medicaid coverage and benefits to pregnant women; (2) expanded inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursements and benefits to adults aged nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64); (3) expanded non-institutional coverage and benefits to adults aged 65 and over; and (4) creation and provision of a limited benefit package to adults aged nineteen (19) to sixty four (64), to be~~ of the Arkansas Medicaid Program, administered by the Department of Human Services and established as set out in § 19-12-116(b)(1). Separate Paying Accounts shall be established for the Medicaid Expansion Program as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be used exclusively for the purpose of drawing down federal funds associated with the federal share of expenditures and for the state

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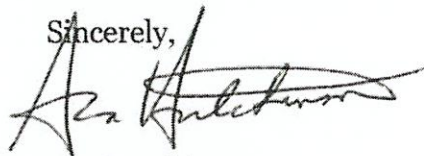
share of expenditures transferred from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account or for any other appropriate state match funds.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

This request allows for the agency to use Tobacco Settlement funds to provide services for those currently waiting for waiver services on the Developmental Disabilities Waiting List. This request is needed due to passage of Act 50 of 2017 for the funds to be used for any program established in Tobacco Settlement code.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson

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