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May 8, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Room 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson:

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

Under A.C.A § 19-12-108, you have the authority to authorize the carry forward 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. The Arkansas Minority Health Commission has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the Minority Health Commission.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Renee Mallory'.

Renee Mallory,
Secretary of Health

Cc:

Geray Pickle, Chief Financial Officer Arkansas Department of Health
Kenya Eddings, Executive Director, ADH Arkansas Minority Health Commission



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Dear Secretary Hudson:

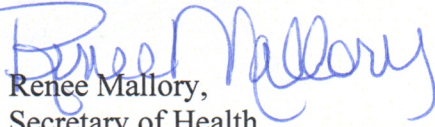
Under § 19-12-108 of Arkansas Code, the Arkansas Department of Health Minority Health Commission (AMHC) respectfully requests that the fund balance in the Targeted State Needs Program Account (TSE0100) on June 30, 2025, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds, which are necessary to facilitate the mission and vision of the AMHC.

The Commission was unable to actualize all its objectives due to various factors including adjusting activities in relation to staff turnover and restructuring staff roles. 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 Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act requires that AMHC certifies 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,


Renee Mallory,
Secretary of Health

Cc:

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**DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam
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May 2, 2025

Jim Hudson, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
Department of Finance and Administration
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson,

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, 2025, be carried over into the next state fiscal year. 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 SFY2026 included the carry-over of unspent tobacco settlement funds into the next fiscal year to support the Medicaid budget. The adequacy of our Medicaid budget for the next fiscal year is dependent on our ability to use these funds.

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

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Human Services

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cc: Mary Franklin, Director DHS Division of County Operations
Janet Mann, DHS Deputy Secretary of Programs and State Medicaid Director
Misty Eubanks, DHS Deputy Secretary for Operations and Budget
Elizabeth Pitman, Director DHS Division of Medicaid Services
Jason Callan, DHS Chief Financial Officer for Medicaid
Renee Ikard, DHS Chief Financial Officer