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Senator Uvalde Lindsey, Co-Chairperson
Representative Lanny Fite, Co-Chairperson
Uniform Personnel Classification and
Compensation Plan Subcommittee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building, Room 315
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submits a request from the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) for your review.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services (DHS/DMS) is requesting five (5) positions from the OPM central growth pool, established by Ark Code Ann. §21-5-225 (b)(1). The classifications being requested are listed below:

<u>CLASSIFICATIONS REQUESTED</u>	<u>CLASS CODE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
DHS/DMS ADD – Medical Services	N100N	N906
DHS DMS Business Operations Manager	A016C	C127
Nurse Manager	L009C	C125
Registered Nurse	L038C	C120
Budget Analyst	R021C	C119

JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, requests the positions listed above to staff the agency's new Payment Integrity Unit. This unit has been established to conduct internal reviews of Medicaid policy and programs, and review revised legislation that impacts State Supplemental Rebate contracts with manufacturers and medical providers. The Payment Integrity Unit will be charged with finding and plugging holes in the Medicaid program. This will also include review of payments to providers, etc. In cases where fraud is detected, this unit will refer offenders to the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG). Although located in the Division of Medical Services, these positions will report to the Office of Chief Counsel.

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In conjunction with this program, OMIG is also requesting two positions from the OPM Growth pool. These positions are:

<u>CLASSIFICATIONS REQUESTED</u>	<u>CLASS CODE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
OMIG Operations Manager	G250C	C125
Legal Services Specialist	G179C	C117

These two positions will work closely with the Payment Integrity Unit of the Division of Medical Services and will work to ensure program compliance of health care providers and program participants by detecting Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has reviewed this request and **recommends** the approval of these five (5) positions from the OPM central growth pool, as established for the DHS Payment Integrity Unit, and also **recommends** approval of the two positions for the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

Your approval of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kay Barnhill
State Personnel Administrator



Chief Fiscal Officer of the State

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Date

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Jennifer Davis

From: Kay Terry
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Jennifer Davis
Cc: Mike Bonds; Herb Scott
Subject: FW: Program Integrity Unit

Please see me about this.

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark White (DHS) [<mailto:Mark.White@dhs.arkansas.gov>]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:42 AM

To: Keesa Smith; Jennifer Davis; Kay Terry

Cc: Rett Hatcher (Rett.Hatcher@governor.arkansas.gov); John Martin (John.Martin@governor.arkansas.gov); Elizabeth Smith; John Selig; Tami Harlan; George Bryant

Subject: RE: Program Integrity Unit

After meeting with the Governor and staff Friday, we are requesting five positions for DHS for the new Payment Integrity Unit:

N100N E DHS/DMS ADD - MEDICAL SERVICES N906 A016C E DHS DMS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER C127 L009C
E NURSE MANAGER C125 L038C E REGISTERED NURSE C120 R021C E BUDGET ANALYST C119

In addition, we are requesting two positions for OMIG:

G250C E OMIG OPERATIONS MANAGER C125

G179C N LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST C117

Please let me know if any questions.

Thanks,

Mark

Mark White

Deputy Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: Keesa Smith

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 10:29 AM

To: Jennifer.Davis@dfa.arkansas.gov; kay.terry@dfa.arkansas.gov

Cc: Mark White (DHS)

Subject: Program Integrity Unit

Just spoke with Rett Hatcher. We agreed that the Governor has approved the 7 positions for the Program Integrity unit however he has not signed off on the classification/description of those positions.

That will be presented to the Governor this afternoon. Rett was fine with DHS providing this material to OPM on Monday morning.

If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely-
Keesa Smith

Sent from my iPhone