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April 6, 2015

David J. Sanders
State Senator
District 15
State Capitol, Room 320
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Senator Sanders:

As requested in your letter dated July 28, 2014, the AHIM Board of Directors worked with staff and our consultant, Public Consulting Group, to formally explore how our state might consider 1332 Waivers to continue efforts to increase access to private coverage while reducing the dependence on federal entitlement programs.

Included within this communication you will find a report titled *Section 1332 Waivers and the Future of Arkansas Healthcare Innovation* that provides concepts and a road map to utilize Section 1332 Waiver authority to achieve goals set forth in the aforementioned letter.

In addition to this report, you will find research requested by members Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight Committee regarding State Based Marketplace staffing levels, strategies for attracting issuers and brokers to the exchange, and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) potential beneficiaries.

I trust you will find these reports informational. Should you find that additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,



Sherrill Wise
Chair, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Board of Directors

CC: The Honorable Jeremy Gilliam, Co-Chair, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight Committee
Cheryl Smith Gardner, Executive Director, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Board

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