

**REPORT OF THE**  
**ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE (AHIM) LEGISLATIVE**  
**OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**of the**  
**Arkansas Legislative Council**

**November 16, 2018**

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair

Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chair

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Legislative Oversight Subcommittee met Thursday, November 15, 2018, in Committee Room B of the Multi-Agencies Complex in Little Rock, Arkansas. The subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

Jessica Beel, Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research, and Alix Stephens, Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research; presented the results of a survey they compiled, regarding how various states have organized their health insurance marketplace exchanges.

Brett Kirkman, Chair, John Womack, Secretary/Treasurer, both with the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Board of Directors, and Angela Lowther, Director, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace; discussed the status of open enrollment and the board's recommendation for user fees. Mr. Kirkman and Ms. Lowther discussed the recently completed BKD audit of AHIM.

Based on the discussion in the subcommittee meeting, regarding the current reserves of AHIM, Senator Jason Rapert moved that the Subcommittee recommend to Arkansas Legislative Council altering the recommendation from the AHIM Board of a 1.25% User Fee for AHIM to a 1% User Fee for AHIM for Plan Year 2020 for all policies sold on the marketplace exchange.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chair

Representative Deborah Ferguson, Co-Chair