

AGENDA (Revised 11-15-2013)
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Thursday, November 21, 2013

01:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Vice Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. David Burnett
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jonathan Dismang
Sen. Ronald Caldwell

Rep. John Burris, Chair
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Vice Chair
Rep. James L. Word
Rep. Butch Wilkins
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Stephanie Malone
Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV
Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Kelley Linck
Rep. Justin T. Harris
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Kim Hammer
Rep. David L. Branscum
Rep. David Meeks
Rep. Andy Mayberry

Rep. Betty Overbey
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Nate Steel, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark Biviano, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlie Collins, Non-Voting
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Non-Voting
Rep. Tommy Thompson, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas, Non-Voting
Rep. Sue Scott, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark D. McElroy, Non-Voting
Rep. Stephen Magie, Non-Voting
Rep. John K. Hutchison, Non-Voting
Rep. John Baine, Non-Voting
Rep. Mary Broadaway, Non-Voting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
 - 1. Senator Cecile Bledsoe
 - 2. Representative John Burris
- C. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the October 24 & 25, 2013 Meeting (**EXHIBITS C-1 & C-2**)
- D. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Establishment of the Arkansas Private Option (Health Care Independence Act of 2013). **This is already in place by an emergency rule. (EXHIBIT D)**
 - 1. Andy Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees
- E. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Change to Incorporate into Medicaid State Plan. Eligibility for Certain Existing Categories & a New Group of Eligibles Using the Medicaid Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology, effective January 1, 2014. This also establishes the New Mandatory Group in accordance with federal law. **This is already in place by an emergency rule. (EXHIBIT E)**
 - 1. Andy Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees

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- F. Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations, Review of Rules to Revise the Medical Services Policy Manual to Incorporate New Application Forms, Policy & Procedures for Determining Medicaid Eligibility for Certain Existing Categories of Medicaid, and a New Group of Eligibles and Mandatory Groups Using the Medicaid Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Methodology, Effective January 1, 2014. **This is already in place by an emergency rule. (EXHIBIT F)**
 - 1. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees
- G. Implementation of the Private Option, Expansion of Health Care Coverage (Act 1498 of 2013)
 - 1. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Andy Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Joe Thompson, M.D., Arkansas Surgeon General, & Director, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement
 - 4. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 - 5. Discussion & Action by the Committees
- H. Update on the Number of People Signing Up Through the Exchange, the Cost of Qualified Health Plans, Types of Services Covered Under These Plans (Essential Benefits), and the Cost of Plans with the Tax Credits
 - 1. Cindy Crone, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Health Connector Division, Arkansas Insurance Department
 - 2. Jay Bradford, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Department
 - 3. Discussion by the Committees
- I. Concerns from Pharmacists That Payments for Scripts from Medicaid Have Not Been Paid in a Timely Manner
 - 1. Mark Riley, Executive Vice President, Arkansas Pharmacists Association
 - 2. Marilyn Strickland, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. John Herzog, Account Executive, Little Rock, Arkansas Area, HP (Hewlett Packard) Enterprise Services
 - 4. Discussion by the Committees
- J. Other Business
- K. Adjournment