

**OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (655)  
FISCAL YEARS 2014 & 2015**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Office of Health Information Technology is charged with creating, implementing, and administering the State Health Information Exchange. The Information Exchange allows medical providers across the state of Arkansas to obtain patient health record information from a single comprehensive source. The Information Exchange was mandated by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009.

**TOTAL AUTHORIZED**

The total authorized budget is \$6,845,536 IN FY2014 AND \$6,046,977 in FY2015.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Funding for the Office of Health Information Technology consists of fund balances and user fees.

**II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

**OHIT - State Match Appropriation** - \$5,984,186 in FY2014 and \$6,046,977 in FY2015. Provides for the following change levels:

- Regular Salaries: Increase of \$708,283 per year to account for shifting of 11 positions from federal appropriation to state match and the addition of one Managing Attorney position.
- Personal Services Matching: Increase of \$213,792 in FY2014 and \$214,052 in FY2015
- Decrease of \$947,891 in FY2014 and \$885,360 in FY2015 to adjust for the addition of salaries.

**OHIT - Federal Appropriation** - \$861,350 in FY2014 and \$0 in FY2015 and provides for the following change levels:

- Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching: Expenses are \$0 for both years of the biennium as these expenses are transferred to the State appropriation.
- Operating Expenses are decreased to \$325,000 in FY2014 and \$0 in FY2015 as the federal funding ceases at the end of FY2014.
- Conference and Travel Fees: decreased to \$4,225 in FY2014 and \$0 in FY2015 as the federal funding ceases at the end of FY2014.
- Professional Fees: are decreased to \$100,000 in FY2014 and \$0 in FY2015 as federal funding ceases at the end of FY2014.
- HIT Expenses and Grants: decreased to \$507,125 in FY2014

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**III) POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2015: 12

Total positions for FY 2014: 12

Total positions for FY2013: 11

Increase/(Decrease): 1

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE:**

FUNDING TRANSFER PROVISION - At the close of the fiscal year, any balances left over in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the DFA - Health Information Exchange Program shall be transferred immediately to the Health Information Technology Fund to provide state matching funds for the Federal grant program.

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