

**AGENDA (Revised 10-23-2013)**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor**  
**House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Thursday, October 24, 2013**

**01:00 PM**

**Room A, MAC**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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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

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
  - 1. Senator Cecile Bledsoe
  - 2. Representative John Burris
- C. Review of the August 29, and September 6, 17, & 19 Minutes (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, & C-4**)
- D. Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Rule Regarding Communicable Diseases—Tuberculosis (TB) (**EXHIBIT D**)
  - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Fiscal Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
  - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees
- E. 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 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 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 F)
  - 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
  
- G. 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 G)
  - 1. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
  - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees
  
- H. Implementation of the Private Option, Expansion of Healthcare 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. Discussion & Action by the Committees
  
- I. Status of Open Enrollment—Update on the Cost of Qualified Health Plans
  - 1. Jay Bradford, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Commission
  - 2. Cindy Crone, Director, Health Benefits Exchange Partnership Division, Arkansas Insurance Department
  - 3. Discussion by the Committees
  
- J. Implementation of the Medicaid Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Program Act (Act 1453 of 2013)
  - 1. Andy Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
  - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees
  
- K. Discussion of Questions Raised Concerning Act 1302 of 2013 (Clarify the Responsibilities of ADEQ and the Pollution Control & Ecology Commission, with Respect to Adoption of State Implementation Plans) **(EXHIBIT K)**
  - 1. Teresa Marks, Executive Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
  - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees
  
- L. Other Business
  
- M. Adjournment