

**2017 - 2019 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

**0425 Insurance Department**

**ACT#: 254**

**SECTION#: 26**

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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HEALTHCARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS. (a) As used in this section, "Health Care Independence Program" means the Health Care Independence Program established under the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, Arkansas Code § 20-77-2401 et seq.

(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the State Insurance Department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program, including without limitation:

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(A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential recipients;

(B) Television, radio, or online commercials;

(C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;

(D) Advertisements printed in newspapers, magazines, or other print media; and

(E) Internet websites and electronic media.

(2) This subsection does not prohibit the department from:

(A) Direct communications with:

- (i) Licensed insurance agents; and
- (ii) Persons licensed by the department;

(B) Solicited communications with potential recipients;

(C)(i) Responding to an inquiry regarding the coverage for which a potential recipient might be eligible, including without limitation providing educational materials or information regarding any coverage for which the individual might qualify.

- (ii) Educational materials and information distributed under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

(D) Using an Internet website for the exclusive purpose of enrolling individuals in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program.

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(d) The State Insurance Department shall not apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Health Care Independence Program.

(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the State Insurance Department shall not:

(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(1)(A)(ii) of this section, allocate, budget, expend, or utilize an appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of funding activities of navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

(ii) Subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section does not apply to regulatory and training responsibilities related to navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers; and

(B) Apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of funding activities of navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

(2) Subdivision (e)(1) of this section does not apply to certified application counselors at health related institutions, including

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without limitation the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(f) An appropriation authorized by the General Assembly shall not be subject to the provisions allowed through reallocation of resources or transfer of appropriation authority for the purpose of transferring an appropriation to any other appropriation authorized for the State Insurance Department to be allocated, budgeted, expended, or utilized in a manner prohibited by this section.

(g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

(h) This section expires on June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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FUNDING RESTRICTIONS. The State Insurance Department shall not allocate, budget, expend or commit for expenditure any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for final implementation of a state-based health insurance exchange by the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Board as established in Arkansas Code § 23-61-803 et seq. until after the decision of the United States Supreme Court in King v. Burwell, 759 F.3d 358 (4th Cir.), cert. granted, \_U.S. \_\_, 135 S. Ct. 475 (2014).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from the date of the passage and approval of this Act July 1, ~~2016~~2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~2018.

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INSURANCE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUNDING PROVISION. Upon request of the Commissioner, and approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the State Insurance Department may retain an amount above that which is set out in A.C.A. 23-61-710(c) for the purposes of providing funding for the construction and renovation of Department facilities, not to exceed eight million dollars (\$8,000,000). The amount being requested must be submitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.