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TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

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TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council, approve the requested transfer if in his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer

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between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

(b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

(c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

(d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

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ADVERTISING. No advertising targeting the prevention or reduction of tobacco use shall include the name, voice, or likeness of any elected official or their immediate family.

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TOBACCO FUND TRANSFER. The Arkansas Department of Health is authorized to transfer five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018 from the Prevention and Cessation Program Account to the Breast Cancer Control Fund in order to provide for the State's matching share for Medicaid services provided for breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment. The amount transferred annually shall be the only obligation of the Arkansas Department of Health for state match for these services.

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COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriation contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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~~TRANSFER OF FUNDS — HOME HEALTH. The Disbursing Officer for the Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to transfer all unexpended funds relative to the Home Health Services that pertain to reimbursement, as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017-2018. It is the intent of the General Assembly that with approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee that the Arkansas Department of Health shall have the authority to transfer funds from the fund balance of the Home Health appropriation.~~

~~Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:~~

~~(1) Prior to June 30, 2017-2018 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;~~

~~(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;~~

~~(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written~~

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~~statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and~~

~~(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.~~

~~Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Department of Health may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Department of Health authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.~~

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~~HOME HEALTH POSITION POOL. As need for services increase and additional services are implemented to better provide for the in-home health care needs of the citizens of the State of Arkansas, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health may request the Department of Finance and Administration to approve the establishment of additional positions at salary rates not to exceed the maximum salaries established for comparable positions in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Arkansas Department of Health Section of In-Home Services may establish such positions.~~

~~—— (a) The following maximum number of such additional positions are hereby established for the Section of In-Home Services:~~

~~Maximum number of positions: 250~~

~~—— (b) In the event that new classifications are deemed necessary for any of these additional positions, the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Personnel Management shall assign the appropriate title and grade after review by the Arkansas Legislative Council.~~

~~—— (c) If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position (s) as established herein, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.~~

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~~HOME HEALTH ON-CALL AND VISIT PAY. The Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to compensate the following personnel responsible for providing in-home health care as necessary to maintain continuity of care outside routine working hours on weekdays and on weekends or holidays:~~

~~Area Nursing Director~~

~~Nursing Program Coordinator~~

~~Registered Nurse~~

~~Speech Pathologist~~

~~Physical Therapist~~

~~Licensed Social Worker~~

~~Occupational Therapist~~

~~Nurse Manager~~

~~Licensed Practical Nurse~~

~~Nursing Aide~~

~~Licensed Certified Social Worker~~

~~Visit pay shall not exceed \$75 per visit. Employees requested to be on-call and/or on standby for visiting on nights, weekends, and/or holidays will be eligible to receive on-call pay not to exceed \$60 per day. Provided however, no compensation shall be paid to any employee required to be on-call and/or standby who fails to respond after the second notification that their services are needed. In the event of equipment or paging device malfunction, such penalty shall not apply. All compensated services shall be provided as directed by the Arkansas Department of Health. All visit and on-call pay shall be paid from funds as appropriated in this Act. Such~~

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~~compensation for visit and on-call pay, when added to the employee's regular salary and benefits, shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum annual salary as described in the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Act.~~

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NUCLEAR DISASTER PLANNING GRANTS. The funds appropriated for Grants for Nuclear Planning shall be disbursed to those counties in this State which are required by state or federal regulation to maintain a Radiological Response Plan because of their close proximity to a nuclear electricity generating facility, and shall be issued solely for the purpose of defraying the cost of preparing for and participating in actual nuclear disaster incidents or practice nuclear disaster exercises. Each county shall be eligible for that proportion of these funds as is determined fair and necessary under guidelines to be developed by the Arkansas Department of Health. However, a minimum of \$5,000 per county of said funds shall be utilized to support and operate a County Emergency Management Office. These county offices shall be prepared to respond to any Arkansas Nuclear I emergency. These funds shall be equally distributed to each Emergency Management Office in the following counties: Pope County, Johnson County, Yell County, Conway County and Logan County.

The funds appropriated for Grants for Nuclear Planning shall be distributed in quarterly installments by the Arkansas Department of Health to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for the sole purpose of defraying costs associated with preparing for and participating in actual nuclear disaster incidents or practice nuclear disaster emergency exercises involving nuclear electricity generating facilities in this State.

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PARKING FEES. On July 1 of each year the Arkansas Department of Health shall pay \$50,000 from the Operations appropriation provided herein from non-general revenue to the War Memorial Stadium Commission.

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~~INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES. The Department of Health shall not transfer any general revenue funds for expenditures payable for Information System Projects.~~

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INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION FUND TRANSFERS. Subject to such procedures as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the disbursing officer for the Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to transfer funds to the Public Health Fund from other program funds of the agency in order to reimburse for expenditures incurred for those programs.

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DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS. In reviewing the impact on public health and safety of a plan for improvements to a public water system or public sewer system through the addition of distribution lines to a subdivision or commercial development, the Division of Engineering of the Department of Health shall consider the effect of the plan on future development or zoning of adjoining properties.

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NURSING/DIRECT CARE EDUCATION STIPEND PROGRAM. Special provision for a Nursing/Direct Care Education Stipend Program for the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is hereby authorized to pay from funds appropriated in this Act. This program is for eligible nursing students who are attending accredited nursing institutions to become ~~Registered or Licensed Practical Nurses.~~ Advanced Practice Nurses

The stipend is ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500) per person per year. Any student who is awarded and accepts a stipend is under an employment commitment to the ADH and is required to work in a full-time employee status effective immediately upon graduation. The student employment commitment is equal to the number of years the stipend was awarded and accepted. In the event of Employee/Student default of the employment commitment, the Employee/Student will be considered in breach of contract and repayment of the stipend will be required as specified in the Stipend Contract.

The ADH shall determine, on an annual basis, the number of student stipends available due to the availability of funds and the need for direct care services.

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CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

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(a) Except as authorized in subsection (c) of this section, the Department of Health is authorized to carry forward any unspent funds remaining in the Public Health Fund on June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018 allocated for the support of the Trauma System to be used for the same purposes in the next fiscal year.

(b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018, the agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration;

(2) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

(3) Each agency, board, commission, or institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc., for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the agency, board, commission, or institution presents its budget request to the

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Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals or a statement of non-compliance by the agency, board, commission, or institution, or both.

(c) The Department of Health is authorized to transfer up to three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) in carry forward funds to be used in the next fiscal year at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Health to:

(1) Enhance and integrate an emergency management system to include trauma, stroke, and myocardial infarction; and

(2) Provide long acting reversible contraceptives through services provided by the Department of Health local health units.

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

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~~COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS. Allocation of state funding to Community Health Centers shall be prioritized to ensure that uninsured, under-insured, and underserved Arkansans receive needed services in order to improve their health, with this funding to preserve and strengthen Community Health Centers and increase Arkansans access to quality primary and preventive health care. The Department of Health shall ensure that any Community Health Center that receives funding through this Act shall first seek to include, in accordance with federal rule and guidance, as many local providers of health care services as possible, such as dental, pharmacy, mental health, and other ancillary services, within each Community Health Center's service area, to participate in the provision of such services as a contractor at a fair, reasonable prevailing rate. Community Health Centers will seek local providers, community, city, county, and state partners to participate in the planning for the development, and, as an employee or contractor, in the implementation of a new Community Health Center in an area of documented unmet need. In addition to reasonable prices, the availability and service quality levels provided by the private provider must meet or exceed the level of service quality provided, as established by the respective governing board, at similarly situated Community Health Centers through the state and at all times meet professional standards of competence and quality. Annually, the Department of Health shall require from the Community Health Centers the submission of performance indicators, to be determined by the Department of Health, reflecting, at a minimum, a listing of all services provided, fee schedules based on local prevailing rates and actual costs, sliding fee scales, and uniform data sets~~

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~~which identify the number of uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare patients and those patients which are below and above 200% of the federal poverty level. Local private providers within the service area that may have been significantly impacted by these services will be determined by the Department of Health. The Department of Health shall institute a procurement process for the allocation of funding provided through this Act, detailing that these and other requirements are factored into the allocation of any funding provided to Community Health Centers. In the implementation of this special language, the Department of Health is permitted, at its discretion, to allow individual applicants an implementation period of up to 90 days from the effective date of individual agreements to satisfy the requirements for private provider collaboration as specified above.~~

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STATE FUND RESTRICTIONS. No state funds shall be used for abortion referral in public schools, or for abortion services. Funds shall be expended in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-703.

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EXTRA HELP. The Arkansas Department of Health may utilize ten (10) of their authorized extra-help positions for up to one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours when specific expertise is required to work on disaster drills, exercises, preparedness plans, public health emergencies, disasters and other events. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

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BREAST CARE PROGRAM. The Arkansas Department of Health shall annually budget, allocate, and expend for the Breast Care Program as appropriated in Section 5, the sum of at least four million seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$4,755,000) for Breast Cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses of the Breast Care Program.

The Arkansas Department of Health shall file an annual progress report by each January 1 preceding a session of the General Assembly to the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Women's Caucus. This report shall include amounts budgeted, allocated and expended for the Breast Care Program for testing, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses.

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~~PATIENT CARE PROVIDERS — COMPENSATION, REQUIRED WITHHOLDING, FRINGE BENEFITS AND REPORTING.~~

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~~(a) The Arkansas Department of Health, at its discretion, is authorized to contract with intermittent Patient Care Providers in order to provide services in the home. The Department is authorized to pay compensation which may include state withholding, federal withholding, required matching, and other fringe benefits to contract Patient Care Providers. However, compensation shall not include state retirement or health benefits.~~

~~(b) The Department of Health shall provide the following mileage reimbursement rates to intermittent and/or Patient Care Providers:~~

~~—— (1) Beginning July 1, 2013, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at a rate of at least thirty-six (36) cents per mile or more as funding allows.~~

~~—— (2) Beginning July 1, 2014, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at a rate of at least thirty-nine (39) cents per mile or more as funding allows.~~

~~—— (3) Beginning July 1, 2015, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at the same rate as provided to all Department of Health employees.~~

~~(c) Prior to January 15, 2014 the Department of Health shall provide to the Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council a report of the~~

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~~following information for the 2013 Fiscal Year and 2014 Fiscal Year to date:~~

~~—— (1) Revenues, expenditures, and year end fund balances of the Home Health Program, as related to the Department of Health's ability to fund an increased mileage reimbursement rate for the 2015 Fiscal Year.~~

~~—— (2) A report of all third party reimbursements received for the Home Health Program listed by program type including Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, and Affordable Care Act Insurance Exchange participants.~~

~~—— (3) The potential impact of changes in the Arkansas Medicaid Program, Medicare or Affordable Care Act reimbursement rates and the effect those program changes may have on a potential mileage reimbursement increase for the 2015 Fiscal Year.~~

~~—— (4) A report of the amounts billed versus the total reimbursements for services rendered.~~

~~—— (5) Total miles claimed by Patient Care Providers and the total amounts reimbursed for mileage.~~

~~(d) All compensation to intermittent Patient Care Providers shall be made from the appropriation for Professional Fees and Services.~~

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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 Department of Health 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 Department of Health 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 Department of Health 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 Department of Health 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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REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Proceeds made available to the Arkansas Department of Health as a result of transitioning the In-Home Services program to a private sector provider are not subject to reclaim and shall be deposited as a refund to expenditure to reimburse the Department for expenditures incurred as a result of the transition. The proceeds shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original expenditure was incurred to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

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

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FUND TRANSFERS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, at the direction of the Governor, may transfer any remaining balances from the proceeds of transitioning the In-Home Services program to supplement the fund established as a set-aside in the 90th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund in Section 3(a)(11) of Act 1147 of 2015 of the General Improvement Distribution Act, for transfer, from time to time, to any fund or fund account authorized by the General Assembly, or for transfers, from time to time, for projects in the Executive Discretionary Division in Section 3(d) of Act 1147 of 2015, upon approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

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ADDITIONAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZED. The Director of the Department of Health, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may provide a one-time payment of up to ten percent (10%) of the net proceeds available at the time of closing that are generated as a result of the transition of the In-Home Services program to those In-Home Services employees that remain in the Program until the transition date. The Director shall submit an allocation methodology for approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Such additional payments shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established by the General Assembly.

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

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