

**REPORT OF THE
STATE INSURANCE PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 15, 2025

Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

The State Insurance Programs Oversight Subcommittee met on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Committee Room A, Multi Agency Complex, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Subcommittee heard testimony on the following Employee Benefits Division (EBD) and State Captive Insurance Program (SCIP) items approved by the State Board of Finance:

The Subcommittee approved the following EBD items:

1. Pharmacy Formulary Recommendations for June, July, and August 2025
2. Medical Drug Recommendations for August 2025
3. 2026 Rate Schedules for Public School and State Employees Health Insurance

The Subcommittee reviewed the following EBD Contracts:

1. ConnectYourCare Incorporated
2. HMO Partners Incorporated
3. United Healthcare

Subcommittee Statement: It is my understanding that the rates by United Healthcare are locked in through 2026, and the rates can be expected to increase after that. Due to how lengthy these procurement processes take, we want to encourage EBD to make preparations to put the MAPD contract out for bid this year, so we have time to look at it.

The Subcommittee approved the following SCIP items:

1. University of Arkansas Athletics Premiums and Deductibles
2. Lead Insurance Policy

The Subcommittee discussed the Optum and Navitus lawsuits.

Respectfully submitted, Senator Jim Petty and Representative Robin Lundstrum