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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECTUIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MEDICAID REFORM

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks to more efficiently and effectively manage the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and

WHEREAS: The Governor continues to seek out strategies which promote accountability, personal responsibility, and transparency; remove disincentives for work and social mobility; encourage and reward healthy outcomes and responsible choices; and promote efficiencies that will deliver value to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks to provide a proper means of communicating the work of the Legislative Task Force on Health Care Reform, which has been established to recommend an alternative healthcare coverage model; and

WHEREAS: In order to achieve a more efficient and effective Arkansas Medicaid Program, the Governor seeks the advice and recommendations of Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients and individual citizen representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

1. There is hereby created the Governor's Advisory Council on Medicaid Reform (the "Advisory Council") to explore and offer recommendations to modernize the Arkansas Medicaid programs, particularly in light of increasing general revenue expenditures and federal mandates and regulations.

2. The Advisory Council shall be comprised of up to 25 members, including advocacy groups representing Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, legislative representatives and individual citizen representatives. Each Advisory Council member shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

3. The Governor hereby appoints the Surgeon General of Arkansas to serve as chair of the Advisory Council. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall serve as Vice Chair.

4. Upon request, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services may provide staff and other personnel to support the work of the Advisory Council.

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5. The Advisory Council shall serve as a forum for stakeholder issues, concerns and ideas to be heard and to be communicated to the Legislative Task Force on Healthcare Reform. The Advisory Council shall provide a mechanism for receiving written innovative ideas and concerns from Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients and individual citizen representatives and shall provide recommendations to the Governor.

6. This Executive Order shall continue in full force and effect until such time as the Governor announces the work of the Advisory Council is complete.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2015.

ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE