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Nicholas to Lead Rate Review Efforts

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (December 8, 2010) —State Insurance Commissioner Jay Bradford announced the selection of Dr. Lowell Nicholas to the position of Insurance Deputy Commissioner at the Arkansas Insurance Department overseeing the Health Insurance Rate Review Division. Dr. Nicholas will report directly to the Commissioner and will be responsible for determining and formulating policies relating to the new health care initiatives as well as providing direction and coordination for other agency activities. He will have direct oversight and supervision of the Department's rate review process for health insurance which is a provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act. This new position is funded through a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Nicholas most recently served as Special Projects Director for the Arkansas Insurance Department. Prior to joining the Department, he served as Energy Director for the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Chairman of the DHS Energy Task Force, and as a board member of the Governing Authority of the UAMS Central West End Power Plant.

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