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## **Kerr Issues Guidance After PACE Act Signing** *Bulletin reaffirms 2012 AID Bulletin and state 'small employer' definition*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement regarding AID Bulletin 15-2015, issued following President Obama’s signing into law the Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees (PACE) Act, legislation that revises the definition of a small employer scheduled to become effective pursuant to the Affordable Care Act on January 1, 2016:

“With the bipartisan work of Congress now becoming law, AID is issuing this bulletin to reaffirm our use of the state’s definition of a ‘small employer’ as 2 to 50 employees for purposes of all small group health issues.”

Under the Affordable Care Act, the definition of a “small employer” would have automatically expanded to include businesses with up to 100 employees on January 1, 2016. The PACE Act eliminates the automatic expansion, giving states the option to increase their definition of “small employers” up to 100, but only if they choose to do so.

In Arkansas, “small employers” are defined by Ark. Code Ann. §23-86-303(34).

The new bulletin reaffirms [AID Bulletin 3-2012](#). To read the Bulletin 15-2015, [click here](#).

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