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**UAMS' Matthew Nix, M.D., Named President of
American Academy of Family Physicians' Arkansas Chapter**

LITTLE ROCK — Matthew Nix, M.D., of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), recently became the president of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Nix is an associate professor in the UAMS College of Medicine and medical director for the UAMS Family Medical Center in Texarkana, Ark. Nix is also associate program director for the UAMS Family Medicine Residency Program at the UAMS Southwest Regional Campus in Texarkana. He is a fellow of the AAFP and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine. Nix is a past recipient of the UAMS Regional Programs "Excellence in Teaching Award."

A Texarkana native, Nix graduated from Arkansas High School in Texarkana in 1995, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas in 1999, and a doctorate in medicine from UAMS in 2003. He completed his residency training at the UAMS Southwest Regional Campus in 2006. Nix has published research and presented at the state and national level and has served in numerous leadership and advocacy positions, including the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission and the Arkansas Child Health Advisory Committee.

The Arkansas Chapter of the AAFP has over 1,400 members and represents the state's largest medical specialty organization. The core mission of the AAFP is to advance the specialty of family medicine to improve the health of patients, families and communities in Arkansas.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital

Health & Innovation. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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