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Rounds Named Chief Administrative Officer for UAMS Health

LITTLE ROCK —Jason Rounds, MBA, FACHE, CHFP, joined UAMS Health as chief administrative officer and associate vice chancellor for clinical finance for UAMS Health on Jan. 3.

In this role, he will have responsibility for day-to-day financial operations of UAMS Health, including financial analysis, reporting, capital budgets and management of productivity targets and effective staffing levels. The service line administrators will report to him, and he also will oversee the clinical enterprise data analytics group.

“Jason has a broad range of experience, including work at academic medical centers and expertise ranging from revenue growth and operational efficiencies to strategic planning, physician recruitment and compensation,” said Steppe Mette, M.D., senior vice chancellor for UAMS Health and UAMS Medical Center CEO. “We are looking forward to his thoughts and perspective on how to best navigate UAMS through the challenges ahead.”

Rounds has more than 30 years’ experience in health care and joins UAMS from CHRISTUS Health in Texarkana, where he served as president of CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System from 2018 until early 2021. He previously served as chief operating officer and administrator from 2011 to 2018. He joined CHRISTUS Health in 2007 in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he served as a regional vice president and administrator.

Rounds has also worked in administrative leadership roles with the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. He has a degree in health care sciences from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and a master’s of business administration from Centenary College in Shreveport.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a 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. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. U.S. News & World Report recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. Forbes magazine ranked UAMS as seventh in the nation on its Best Employers for Diversity list. UAMS also ranked in the top 30% nationwide on Forbes' Best Employers for Women list and was the only Arkansas employer included. UAMS has 3,047 students, 873 medical residents and fellows, and six 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, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or uamshealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

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