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**UAMS Hires Andy Davis
as Vice Chancellor of Institutional Relations**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has hired former Arkansas Rep. Andy Davis as its new vice chancellor of institutional relations. He will start on or around May 1.

Davis is a native Arkansan who spent eight years in the Arkansas General Assembly representing portions of Pulaski and Saline counties. During that time, he served on numerous key committees, including the Joint Budget, Education, House Rules and State Agencies & Governmental Affairs. He was appointed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to the Highway Funding Workgroup and the Government Transformation Advisory Board.

“I am thrilled that Andy is joining us at UAMS,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. “His knowledge of state government and his years of service in the state legislature paired with his commitment to improving the health of Arkansans make him the perfect candidate for this role.”

Davis joins UAMS from Periscope Holdings, where he serves as general manager of ARBuy, the new eProcurement system for the state of Arkansas. Prior to that, he led New Water Systems, a company he founded in 2003.

He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. Davis is a graduate of the Arkansas state Chamber Leadership program, a Delta Leadership Institute Fellow, an Arkansas Business 40 Under 40 honoree, an Arkansas Business 250 Influential Leaders honoree and a 2020 inductee to the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers. He serves on the American Council of Engineering Companies Arkansas Board as well as the Dean’s Advisory Council in the University of Arkansas College of Engineering.

Davis is married to Haley Davis, and they have three children.

He succeeds Maurice Rigsby, J.D., who left UAMS in January.

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 www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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