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**UAMS, Local Pharmacies, AFMC Partner to Provide  
Community Health Workers in Saline County**

FAYETTEVILLE – Jacob Warner, Tim’Mara Armstead and Karen Brown were hired recently through a partnership between the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), West Side Pharmacy, Bryant Family Pharmacy and Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) to help people in Saline County navigate the health care system.

As embedded community health workers, Warner, Armstead and Brown are available to answer basic health care questions and provide education and resources to the public. Community health workers work within their communities to help the public get the care they need and answer essential health care-related questions, such as when someone should see a doctor, and provide information about vaccines.

“We are so pleased to work with Jacob, Tim’Mara and Karen to provide the people of Saline County with a new resource as we enter the next, and hopefully final, stage of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Stephanie Kruger, associate director of Community Programs in the UAMS Office of Community Health & Research. “We’re also excited to work with West Side Pharmacy, Bryant Family Pharmacy, AFMC and the Saline County community as we work to create a better state of health for all people in Arkansas.”

West Side Pharmacy is located at 620 W. South St. in Benton and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon. To contact the pharmacy or Warner with health- or vaccine-related questions, call 501-778-3151.

Bryant Family Pharmacy is located at 3801 AR-5 in Bryant and is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. To contact the pharmacy or Armstead with health- or vaccine-related questions, call 501-847-2880.

To contact Brown with health- or vaccine-related questions, call 479-384-2262.

For more information about the UAMS Community Health Worker project, visit [nwa.uams.edu/chr/chw](http://nwa.uams.edu/chr/chw). For more information about COVID-19, including resources, mobile vaccine events and education, visit [nwa.uams.edu/covid](http://nwa.uams.edu/covid).

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AFMC is a private, nonprofit organization focused on improving health and health care through trusted, committed private and public partnerships. Founded on AFMC's mission, our experienced and dedicated leadership team and staff have successfully delivered value to our customers and partners for the past 50 years.

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. UAMS has 3,240 students, 913 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 11,000 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](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

The UAMS Northwest Regional Campus includes 288 medical, pharmacy, nursing and health professions students, 64 medical and pharmacy residents, two sports medicine fellows, and 1,000 community-based faculty. The campus has nine clinics including a student-led clinic and physical, occupational and speech therapy. Faculty conduct research to reduce health disparities.

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