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**Teresa Hudson, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Named Assistant Dean
for Health Services Research for UAMS College of Medicine**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine named Teresa Hudson, Pharm.D., Ph.D., as assistant dean for health services research.

She joins Vice Dean Jessica Snowden, M.D., and Assistant Dean Paul Drew, Ph.D., on the college's research leadership team.

"We are excited to add Dr. Hudson to our research leadership team in College of Medicine," said Snowden. "Health services researchers examine the access to care, health care costs and processes, and the outcomes of health services for individuals and populations. As such, this part of our research portfolio is critical to improving the health of all Arkansans and we're looking forward to having Dr. Hudson's expertise to help us build programs and research capacity across our college."

Hudson is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and co-director of UAMS AR ConnectNOW in the Psychiatric Research Institute. She is also associate director of the VA Health Services Research and Development Center for Mental Healthcare and Outcomes Research in the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS).

A pharmacist with a doctorate in health systems and services research, Hudson's work focuses on the delivery of, and access to, health services. Her earlier work examined access to safe, high-quality medications, disparities in access to behavioral health and substance abuse care, suicide prevention, and development and validation of quality indicators for treatment of persons with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. More recently, Hudson's work has expanded to examining how medical marijuana affects use of traditional health care.

Hudson received her Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Pharmacy from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. After completing her pharmacy residency in adult internal medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, she joined the UAMS College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice in 1991.

As she assumed roles with the CAVHS and shifted her focus to health services research, Hudson joined the College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, initially as an

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instructor. She rose through the academic ranks and became a professor in 2019. Hudson received her doctorate in health systems and services research in the UAMS Graduate School in 2015. She was named director of the Center for Health Services Research that year and held the position for seven years.

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