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**UAMS' Beverly Named Officer on National Nursing Board**

LITTLE ROCK – Claudia Beverly, Ph.D., R.N., director of the Arkansas Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence (HCGNE) and associate professor in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing, has been named treasurer of the National HCGNE Board of Directors.

The appointment is Beverly's second consecutive term on the board, which works to increase the capacity and competency of nurses trained to provide quality care to older adults. The 8 HCGNE national sites do this through faculty development, advancing gerontological nursing science, facilitating adoption of best practices, fostering leadership and designing and shaping health policy.

The National HCGNE began in 2000 with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation, and subsequently attracted additional funding partners in The Atlantic Philanthropies and Mayday Fund. Its aim is to increase the cadre of academic geriatric nurses, build leadership capacity in academic geriatric nurses, and build national collaboration and excitement about gerontological nursing. The John A. Hartford Foundation is a private philanthropist working to improve the health of older Americans.

UAMS is the state's only comprehensive academic health center, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a statewide network of regional centers; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and the Translational Research Institute. Named best Little Rock metropolitan area hospital by U.S. News & World Report, it is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has more than 2,800 students and 790 medical residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including about 1,000 physicians and other professionals who provide care to patients at UAMS, Arkansas

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Keith Whitworth Joins UAMS as Director of Marketing

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