

November 17, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, House Co-Chairperson
The Honorable Terry Rice, Senate Co-Chairperson
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Representative Wardlaw and Senator Rice:

I am requesting approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council under Section (b)(3) of Act 977 of 2021, for UAMS to mandate the COVID 19 vaccine.

In accordance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Interim Final Rule requiring COVID 19 vaccination for health care facilities, it is critical for UAMS to be in full compliance by the January 4, 2022 deadline to prevent an interruption in programs in all three mission areas of our university.

The support of the Arkansas Legislative Council is vital to maintain our ability to continue caring for Medicare and Medicaid patients from all four corners of our state, training physicians and medical professionals and partnering with rural hospitals and providers.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the statewide mission of UAMS.

Sincerely,



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