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**LISA A. COOPER, MD, MPH, NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE  
2023 WILLIAM B. GRAHAM PRIZE FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 23, 2023 – Lisa A. Cooper, MD, MPH, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, has been named the 2023 recipient of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. The Baxter International Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) will present the prize to Dr. Cooper on June 30, 2023, during AUPHA's 2023 Annual Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland.

The Prize, which has been awarded since 1986, recognizes individuals who have significantly increased the quality of or access to health services delivery worldwide through the development of insights or innovation that have (a) eliminated barriers to the education and prevention of noncommunicable diseases; (b) highlighted the importance of proper nutrition in underserved communities; (c) removed barriers to accessing clean water; and/or (d) produced innovative health solutions and technologies that increase access to quality care. An independent committee of past winners, distinguished academics, and internationally recognized researchers selects the recipient each year.

"Social determinants of health, disparities in care, and imbalances in the relationship between providers and patients from historically marginalized groups are some of the highest profile issues of the day," said Richard Hirth, Ph.D, University of Michigan, and Chair of the 2023 William B. Graham Prize Selection Committee. "Dr. Cooper has worked on these issues throughout her career, providing foundational knowledge supporting the current work of many scholars. Not only is Dr. Cooper's work crucial to understanding these vital issues, but she has also emphasized

addressing them through the design of practical interventions to improve the ability of healthcare organizations to serve populations facing health disparities, and to enhance physicians' communication skills and patients' self-management skills. Awarding the Graham Prize to Dr. Cooper creates a platform to further the impact of her ground-breaking work."

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award for my work on community-engaged, relationship-centered approaches to address health disparities," said Dr. Cooper. "As a physician-scientist and first-generation African immigrant, I have dedicated my life to addressing this important issue in the U.S. and around the world. I am grateful for this recognition, which reminds us of the urgent need to address the systemic barriers that prevent people in underserved communities from accessing quality healthcare and that perpetuate elevated rates of disease, disability, and premature death. I hope my work will motivate others to undertake rigorous research, cultivate innovative practices, and formulate effective policies to build a healthier future for all."

"The Baxter International Foundation is committed to increasing access to healthcare for underserved communities," said Verónica Arroyave, executive director of the Baxter International Foundation and senior director of global community relations at Baxter. "We're inspired by leaders like Dr. Cooper, whose contributions to addressing health disparities are critical in creating sustainable change, and we are proud to support this important work."

A general internist, social epidemiologist, and health services researcher, Dr. Cooper was one of the first scientists to document disparities in the quality of relationships between physicians and patients from socially at-risk groups. She then designed innovative interventions targeting physicians' communication skills, patients' self-management skills, and healthcare organizations' ability to address needs of populations experiencing health disparities. She is the author of over 250 publications and has been the principal investigator of more than 20 federal and private foundation grants. She has also been a devoted mentor to more than 70 individuals seeking careers in medicine, nursing, and public health.

### **About the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research**

Since 1986, the Baxter International Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration have awarded the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research to recognize researchers who have made major contributions to the health of the public through

innovative research in health services. The Prize honors the late William B. Graham, longtime chairman and CEO of Baxter International Inc., and is internationally regarded as the premier recognition for individuals conducting health services research. The Prize includes an award of \$26,000 to the individual, \$26,000 to a non-profit institution that supports the winner's work, and \$26,000 to a non-profit organization in the city where AUPHA's Annual Meeting will be held. Past recipients have included David R. Williams, Ph.D, William Hsiao, Ph.D., Peter Pronovost, M.D., Elizabeth Bradley, Ph.D., David Blumenthal, M.D., and Uwe Reinhardt, Ph.D.

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