Media Contact:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

**[Insert Hospital Name] Wins XX Zero Harm Award[s] for Commitment to Patient Safety**

(XX, South Carolina – November XX, 2022)

[Insert Hospital Name] is pleased to announce winning \_\_ 2022 Zero Harm Award(s) from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) for our commitment to eliminating medical errors and creating a culture of high reliability throughout our facility. By pursuing a standard of Zero Harm, our hospital continues to put patient safety first in our mission to provide world-class care to the patients and communities we serve.

SCHA’s Zero Harm Awards were started in 2014 to recognize hospitals that have had extended harm-free periods in major areas of surgery and other common medical procedures. These awards demonstrate that patient safety and highly reliable care are cornerstones of South Carolina hospitals. All of the hospital data used for these awards is independently verified by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control based on real healthcare outcomes.

“The Zero Harm program is a significant tool for advancing high-quality healthcare and a culture of safety in the state’s hospitals,” says Karen Reynolds, Executive Director of Innovation and Acceleration at SCHA. “South Carolina has developed a blueprint for reducing avoidable harm in our healthcare facilities by encouraging hospitals to develop a network for communicating and sharing best practices.”

“We are tremendously proud of our clinical leaders and team members who demonstrate a steadfast commitment to providing high-quality care,” says [insert hospital leader]. “These Zero Harm Awards are a testament to the strength and resilience of our entire team.”

This year 60 hospitals won 295 Zero Harm Awards for their commitment to delivering highly reliable care. For more information about this year’s awards and a full list of winners, go to scha.org/zero-harm.