



SCHA Zero Harm Clinical Award

The Certified Zero Harm Clinical Awards, the cornerstone of our Zero Harm program, recognize hospitals that prevent all hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over extended periods of time. Thanks to a collaboration with The Duke Endowment and The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Health and ongoing support from BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, our member hospitals have continually united on statewide efforts to create a culture of high reliability and reduce harm in our facilities by implementing robust, evidence-based practices that are making a positive impact on patients and the safety and quality of care.

SCHA revamped these awards in 2021 and pivoted from historical time frames to validating 12-month periods going forward. The data for these awards is independently certified by DHEC in a unique third-party verification process using NHSN data. Awards can be earned by having zero harm in the clinical area for the 12 month period starting January, 2021 and ending December 2021. The eight categories for this year are:

PRESSURE INJURIES

CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS (CLABSI)

(MULTIPLE UNITS MAY APPLY FOR THIS CATEGORY)

HOSPITAL ONSET METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)

HOSPITAL ONSET CLOSTRIDIODES DIFFICILE (C.DIFF)

SURGICAL SITE INFECTION (SSI) HIP REPLACEMENT

SSI COLON SURGERY

SSI ABDOMINAL HYSTERECTOMY

SSI KNEE REPLACEMENT

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