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PROVIDENCE HEALTH RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT AND THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

COLUMBIA, SC – Providence Health recently received national recognition from U.S. News & World Report. The hospital system tied for the second highest ranking in the State of South Carolina and was the only hospital in Columbia to make the Best of South Carolina Hospital list. In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded Providence Health a 4-star rating, which is the highest rank issued to a Columbia health care entity.

The U.S. News Best Hospitals analysis, also available on the web (<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/sc>), applies scores based on data such as survival, patient safety, nurse staffing and other factors. In this analysis, facilities are ranked nationally in specialties from cancer to urology and are rated in common procedures and conditions such as heart bypass surgery, hip and knee replacement and colon cancer surgery. These specialty ratings are then bundled by hospital and ranked in a statewide comparison.

"South Carolina has nearly 100 hospitals. Seven meet high U.S. News standards and are ranked in the state," says the website. Providence was the only hospital in Columbia on this list of seven.

The "Best Hospitals in South Carolina" were listed as:

- 1. Medical University of South Carolina Medical Center in Charleston, SC
 - High performing in 8 Procedures/Conditions
- **2. Providence Hospitals in Columbia, SC**
 - **High performing in 5 Procedures/Conditions**
- 2. AnMed Health Medical Center in Anderson, SC
 - High performing in 5 Procedures/Conditions
- 2. Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, SC
 - High performing in 3 Procedures/Conditions
- 2. Roper Hospital in Charleston, SC
 - High performing in 5 Procedures/Conditions
- 6. McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC
 - High performing in 4 Procedures/Conditions
- 6. Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg, SC
 - High performing in 3 Procedures/Conditions

"The quality care provided by Providence Health has long been highly praised by the people of Columbia who experience our services firsthand or through a loved one,"

says Providence Health's Market Chief Executive Officer, Scott Campbell. "To have that praise reiterated by two third party national databases is a true testament to the caliber of care we provide."

The CMS ratings were made available through its Hospital Compare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare>). While CMS already posts quality data on hospitals, this is the first time it has published overall hospital ratings, which rank institutions from one to five stars. The average national rating was three stars, and only 2.2% of the more than 3,600 hospitals nationwide received five.

About Providence Health: A part of LifePoint Health®, Providence Health is the leading provider of cardiovascular and orthopedic services in the Midlands. Providence is composed of two hospitals, sixteen physician practices, a network of rehabilitation centers, two sleep centers, an imaging and diagnostics lab, a school of cardiac diagnostics and an accredited chest pain center. In total, Providence employs more than 1,800 dedicated staff. Founded in 1938 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Providence is known statewide for outstanding clinical quality and compassionate care. The Providence open heart surgery program has consistently ranked in the top 15 percent of open heart programs in the nation. Both orthopedics and cardiac services have received the South Carolina BlueCross BlueShield Blue Distinction Center designation. For more information, visit YourProvidenceHealth.com.

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