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**PROVIDENCE HEALTH RECOGNIZED FOR PROMOTING
HEALTH CHOICES IN THE WORKPLACE**

COLUMBIA, SC –Providence Health was recognized by the South Carolina Hospital Association's (SCHA) Working Well initiative and Prevention Partners for achieving the Excellence Recognition. The Excellence Recognition is awarded for reaching the highest standards in workplace health and prevention. Providence achieved this recognition by earning straight As in four modules of WorkHealthy America, a Prevention Partners initiative addressing tobacco use, physical activity, nutrition, and the overall culture around health and wellness. The Excellence Recognition honors Providence's commitment to employee health as demonstrated by its policies, programs and benefits to support employee health, optimize employee productivity, and integrate wellness into daily operations.

"Providence sets a high bar in establishing and sustaining a workplace where employees can make healthy choices," said Lindsey Bickers Bock, Strategic Coaching Senior Manager at Prevention Partners. "I applaud this great effort and the commitment of their leadership to create a culture of wellness."

Prevention Partners works with the SCHA's Working Well initiative to engage corporate leaders and staff throughout SC to enhance and sustain employee wellness efforts. These efforts are generously funded through the Duke Endowment.

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. Providence Health was recognized nationally by U.S. News & World Report, tying for second place as the Best Hospital in South Carolina. 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 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.

About Working Well:

Working Well is a statewide strategy to improve workplace wellness policies, systems and environments around tobacco cessation, healthy nutrition and increased physical activity so the healthy choice is the easy choice for employees across South Carolina.

About Prevention Partners:

The nonprofit Prevention Partners builds healthier communities through a suite of products that guide schools, workplaces, hospitals and clinics to address the leading causes of preventable disease: tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and obesity.

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