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**Newberry Hospital Receives Award
for Excellence in Patient Safety Across the Board from Premier Inc.**

Newberry, SC. June 19, 2018 – Newberry Hospital has been recognized by Premier Inc. as a recipient of the Premier Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) Excellence in Patient Safety Across the Board Award. The award recognizes Newberry Hospital's commitment and execution, from the C-suite to the bedside, to creating a culture of patient safety and delivering high-quality, safe, reliable care and services to the patients they serve.

Premier is one of 16 HIINs for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) national Partnership for Patients initiative. Using a [Safety Across the Board](#) approach, the Premier HIIN works collaboratively with 496 hospitals across 40 states, to improve the quality and safety of care, reduce preventable harm across 13 topic areas, enhance patient and family engagement, and advance a culture of safety.

As a member of Premier's HIIN, Newberry Hospital is one of 27 hospitals to receive the Premier HIIN Excellence in Patient Safety Across the Board Award and to be recognized at the Premier HIIN June 19 national meeting in Nashville, TN. To be eligible for the award, hospitals had to demonstrate exceptional performance as a participant in the Premier HIIN program.

"Participation in this initiative reinforces our commitment to reliably deliver the best care experience to our community," said Bruce Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer at Newberry Hospital. "We're proud to receive the Premier HIIN Award as we continue down our path of reducing hospital-acquired conditions and readmissions."

"Newberry Hospital is a prime example of performance improvement in healthcare," said Roshni Ghosh MD, Vice President of Government Services, Chief Medical Information Officer, Premier. "Through commitment, transparency, trust and engagement they are collaborating with peers to create a culture of safe, reliable and coordinated care. We are constantly amazed by these accomplishments. Premier congratulates everyone at Newberry Hospital for their hard work and tremendous achievements."

About Premier Inc.

Premier Inc. is a leading healthcare improvement company, uniting an alliance of approximately 3,900 U.S. hospitals and more than 150,000 other provider organizations. With integrated data and analytics, collaboratives, supply chain solutions, and advisory and other services, Premier enables better care and outcomes at a lower cost. Please visit Premier's news and investor sites on www.premierinc.com.

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Located in Newberry, S.C., Newberry County Memorial Hospital provides exceptional healthcare and wellness services to the citizens of Newberry County and across the Midlands. The hospital's services include advanced

diagnostics, emergency room, general surgery, labor and delivery, orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation services (adults and children), urology, wellness, wound care and hyperbaric medicine. The hospital is ranked in the top ten percent nationally for quality patient care by CMS and has received top marks on patients' Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and systems (HCAHPS) surveys for nurse communication. Newberry Hospital has also been recognized by Healthgrades for being in the top 10% in the Nation for Joint Replacement for six years in a row and has also named a Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for 7 years in a row (2012-2018), Hip Fracture Treatment for 4 years in a row (2015-2018). The hospital has been recognized by Healthgrades with the 2018 Outstanding Patient Experience Award™ (three years in a row). The hospital has also been recognized for its dedication to patient safety by the Leapfrog Group in spring 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017 and fall 2017. The hospital recently earned four "Certified Zero Harm Awards," from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), in preventing hospital-acquired infections: Surgical Site Infections-Knee Replacement (36 months), Surgical Site Infections-Colon Surgery (18 months), Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections-ICU (30 months) and Surgical Site Infections-Abdominal Hysterectomy (45 months). Learn more at NewberryHospital.org.