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**PROVIDENCE HEALTH EARNS ACR ACCREDITATION FOR MAMMOGRAPHY**

COLUMBIA, SC — Providence Health has been awarded a three-year term of [accreditation](#) in mammography as the result of a recent review by the [American College of Radiology](#) (ACR). Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose X-ray system to examine breasts. A mammogram is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

“At Providence, we are committed to the health and wellness of our community,” says Director of Imaging and Radiology Administration, Cookie Robinson. “By providing the highest level of image quality in our mammography service, we are on the frontline of defense against breast cancer for women in the Midlands.”

Providence’s mammographers combine for over 50 years of experience in the field. Their compassion extends from lavender scented robes to a focus on quality and quantity time spent with each patient to make them as comfortable as possible.

Women age forty and older should have an annual mammogram. To schedule an appointment, call 800-424-DOCS.

**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 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](http://YourProvidenceHealth.com).

**About the American College of Radiology:**

The ACR, founded in 1924, is a professional medical society dedicated to serving patients and society by empowering radiology professionals to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care. The College serves more than 37,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

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