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Excellent patient care is a priority at KershawHealth. Every day, our physician and employee teams here work hard to care for our families, friends and neighbors with the right care to every patient, every time. This is a cornerstone of high-quality healthcare and essential to our success. In fact, as healthcare shifts more and more toward reimbursing hospitals not only for the services we provide, but also for the quality of those services, we are committed to excellence in every aspect of our services.

Today, we have the ability to use real-time data and benchmarked quality standards to judge how well we are performing in comparison to other organizations across the country. This data also allows us to identify evidenced-based treatment options and measures that produce the greatest impact on patient outcomes. This makes it possible for our medical, clinical, and quality staff to focus their efforts on particular conditions -- like heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, venous thromboembolism, stroke, and immunizations -- that are both common and have best-practice treatment options. In short, it allows KershawHealth to implement reasonable changes that can have a significant effect on patient care.

In November, KershawHealth was recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in the country. In fact, we are the only Midlands hospital to receive this recognition. The program recognizes hospitals for outstanding performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. This follows on our recent Zero Harm awards, reflecting our achievement of having no preventable surgical site infections during elective knee and hip surgeries during the last 30 consecutive months.

Our ability to achieve such recognition comes only through the knowledge, dedication, and teamwork of our physician and employee teams at KershawHealth. It is gratifying to see the efforts of our medical staff and employees recognized in such a concrete fashion. It is even more gratifying to know that our families, friends, and neighbors are receiving excellent care every day.

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