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## CareSouth Carolina Earns Joint Commission Accreditation Once Again, Continuing Legacy of Excellence



CareSouth Carolina has once again been awarded full accreditation from The Joint Commission, one of the nation's most respected organizations for healthcare quality and safety. This recognition affirms CareSouth Carolina's commitment to providing the highest standard of care to its patients, staff, and community.

The Joint Commission awarded CareSouth Carolina accreditation in Ambulatory Health Care and certification as a Primary Care Medical Home following a thorough review process. The survey resulted in no requirements for improvement, demonstrating CareSouth Carolina's dedication to meeting and exceeding national benchmarks for safe, high-quality, and patient-centered healthcare.

This achievement continues a long-standing tradition of excellence. Back in 2000, CareSouth Carolina was one of only 15 ambulatory care facilities in South Carolina to earn Joint Commission accreditation, making it a pioneer in advancing healthcare standards across the state.

The accreditation cycle is valid for up to 36 months, and CareSouth Carolina joins a distinguished group of organizations nationwide that have earned the Gold Seal of Approval®.

## CareSouth Carolina Earns National Recognition with Three Prestigious HRSA Badges



CareSouth Carolina has been recognized nationally by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with three top honors: the National Quality Leader Gold Badge, the National Quality Leader Heart Health Badge, and the Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality Badge.

### National Quality Leader – Gold Badge

The Gold Badge is HRSA's highest distinction, awarded to health centers ranking in the top 10% nationally for clinical quality performance.



### Heart Health Badge

The Heart Health Badge honors health centers that meet or exceed national targets for cardiovascular care, including tobacco cessation, aspirin therapy, statin use, and blood pressure control.



### Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality Badge

This badge recognizes organizations using technology to improve care. Together, these awards affirm CareSouth Carolina's dedication to providing high-quality, technology-driven, and patient-centered healthcare across its communities.

# CareSouth Carolina Welcomes Albertina Sanders, FNP-BC to Value-Based Care Team



Albertina Sanders,  
MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

CareSouth Carolina is proud to announce that Albertina Sanders, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, has joined its Value-Based Care (VBC) Team as the newest provider. Sanders brings not only years of clinical expertise but also a full-circle journey with CareSouth Carolina, where she began her career nearly two decades ago.

Sanders first joined CareSouth Carolina in 2006 as a Phlebotomist. Her passion for patient care quickly led her to expand her career in healthcare, and she went on to serve as a Respiratory Therapist, among many other positions. After years of broadening her clinical skills and earning advanced credentials, Sanders has returned to CareSouth Carolina to provide high-quality, compassionate care to the communities she calls home.

As part of CareSouth Carolina's Value-Based Care team, Sanders will work to bridge the gaps between patients and providers.

Value-Based Care is a healthcare delivery model that shifts away from a traditional "fee-for-service" approach and instead reimburses providers based on the quality of care and positive patient health outcomes. This proactive model focuses on preventive care, wellness, coordinated patient services, and efficient resource use to improve health and reduce costs.

For Sanders, the role is about more than just clinical expertise—it's about making a personal connection.

"What I enjoy most is making a difference in someone's life and truly listening to my patients," Sanders said.

Outside of her work with CareSouth Carolina, Sanders enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters, being surrounded by family, and traveling.

## CareSouth Carolina Honors Les Baker with Community Partnership Award



Les Baker and Ann Lewis, CEO

When the Society Hill Garden Club partnered with CareSouth Carolina to use the land behind its new St. David's Administrative Office for a community garden, they dreamed of a welcoming entrance. Piece of Work answered that call in a unique way—inviting neighbors to drop off old gardening tools that Les Baker transformed into an artistic metal sculpture. Today, the sculpture stands proudly at the garden's entrance, greeting visitors and symbolizing community collaboration.

"We could not be more proud to have Les Baker as a Community Partner," said Ann Lewis, CEO of CareSouth Carolina. "His artistic metal sculpture at our St. David's Administrative Campus is truly remarkable, and we are grateful for this delightful donation."

The Community Partnership Award is given to individuals and organizations who go above and beyond in their commitment to serve others. Baker's contribution reflects the values of creativity, community, and collaboration that CareSouth Carolina strives to celebrate.

With the new St. David's facility now serving as administrative offices, CareSouth Carolina has freed up space in other locations to improve efficiency and enhance patient care—another example of its commitment to investing in community growth and wellness.

## October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October reminds us of the importance of breast health and the impact of early detection. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women, but when found early, survival rates improve significantly.

At CareSouth Carolina, we're dedicated to raising awareness, encouraging screenings, and supporting families in our communities. This month, we want to share a few important facts:

- 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.
- Early detection matters—when breast cancer is caught at a localized stage, the 5-year survival rate is about 99%.
- Men are affected too—while less common, about 1 in 833 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Mammograms save lives—they can detect cancer up to two years before a lump can be felt.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a time to celebrate survivors, support those currently in treatment, and honor the memories of those we've lost.

CareSouth Carolina is here to help you take the next step. If you need to schedule a mammogram, learn more about your risk factors, or connect with resources, we are ready to support you.

Have your CareSouth Carolina provider schedule your appointment for your mammogram. Give us a call at 843-309-8301.

# CareSouth Carolina McColl Office Helipad Serves Community in Life-Saving Transport



Helicopter lands at CareSouth Carolina's McColl Helipad.

CareSouth Carolina's McColl office helipad was used this week to airlift a local community member in need of urgent medical care. With Marlboro County lacking a hospital, having immediate access to air transport is a critical resource for residents when every second counts.

The helipad, generously provided through the support of the Love Family, ensures patients in Marlboro County can be rapidly transported to hospitals and trauma centers outside the area. This option fills a vital gap for the community, where quick response times can make all the difference.

"This is such an awesome resource for our community," said Pat Graham, McColl Site Administrator. "That could be me or my family being transported. What a wonderful option to have here in McColl."

To ensure the helipad was ready for emergencies, CareSouth Carolina's Maintenance Department recently applied a fresh coat of paint to the landmarks, making the pad more visible from the sky. The updates were completed just last week, ahead of this week's airlift.

"Seeing this helipad in action makes me CareSouth proud," Graham said. "We're so thankful to the Love Family for helping make this possible for our community."

CareSouth Carolina remains committed to serving its communities with compassion and innovation, working to ensure every resident has access to high-quality care and essential resources—even in urgent, life-threatening situations.

## CareSouth Carolina Patient Thanks Bishopville Staff Member for Compassionate Care

CareSouth Carolina takes pride in being a "health care home" for the communities we serve, providing compassionate and patient-centered care.

A patient visiting the Bishopville office credited Kevin Dunson, Expanded Hours - Community Health Worker, with turning a stressful situation into a positive experience.

The patient explained that she arrived at the clinic feeling fearful and anxious. However, from the moment she checked in, Kevin's kindness immediately helped put her at ease. She said it was as if he knew exactly what she needed to hear, and his calming words made a significant difference.

In her words, CareSouth Carolina "needs lots of staff like him," showing the impact Kevin has on those he serves.

CareSouth Carolina recognizes and celebrates Kevin Dunson for the compassion he brings to his role and the trust he builds with the community. His actions are a reminder of the difference one person can make in the lives of others.

As a way to provide more access to the community, CareSouth Carolina expanded its hours at several clinics across the Pee Dee region earlier this year.

As a result, the following clinics are open until 8:00 p.m. on select weekdays:

- Tuesday— Bishopville
- Wednesday — Cheraw
- Thursday — Bennettsville Main
- Friday— Society Hill

In addition, Saturday hours are available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chesterfield, Hartsville, and Dillon.

## CareSouth Carolina now offers free home delivery of prescriptions in Marlboro County through the CSC Community Pharmacy.

**FREE  
PRESCRIPTION  
DELIVERY**

Bennettsville & McColl

Please call the  
Bennettsville  
Pharmacy at  
843-456-7777  
or McColl  
Pharmacy at  
843-523-6212  
for more  
information.



Medications are filled at the McColl or Bennettsville locations and delivered the same day or next business day, depending on request timing.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to access their medications conveniently," said Ashley Singleton, Chief of Pharmacy. "We've provided this service in Chesterfield and Lee Counties, and we're proud to expand into Marlboro."

The free service is available to any customer using CSC Community Pharmacy, whether or not they are CareSouth patients. To arrange delivery, confirm your prescription has been received and call your local pharmacy:

McColl: 3080 Hwy 15-401 E | (843) 523-6212  
Bennettsville: 999 Cheraw St. | (843) 456-7777

For more details, contact your nearest CSC Community Pharmacy.

# Services:

Family Medicine  
Pediatrics  
Women's Care  
Behavioral Health Counseling  
Lab  
Foot Care  
IV Therapy  
Internal Medicine  
Radiology/Ultrasound  
Chiropractic Care  
Dental Care  
Family Support Services  
Substance Abuse Prevention Program  
HIV/AIDS Primary Care  
Infectious Diseases Primary Care  
Senior Support Services

## Convenient Locations

Bennettsville Center  
999 Cheraw Street  
Bennettsville, SC 29512  
843.479.2341

Bennettsville Pediatric Center  
210 W. Main Street  
Bennettsville, SC 29512  
843.479.1200

Bennettsville Women's Center  
1076 Marlboro Way Road, Suite 1  
Bennettsville, SC 29512  
843.454.2294

Bishopville Center  
545 Sumter Highway  
Bishopville, SC 29010  
803.484.5317

Bishopville Pediatric Dental  
101 Harris Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010  
866.815.9845

Cheraw Center  
812 State Road  
Cheraw, SC 29520  
843.537.0961  
843.921.6711 (Foot Care)

Chesterfield Center  
204 Perry Wiley Way  
Chesterfield, SC 29709  
843.623.5080

Dillon Center  
1016 Old Latta Highway  
Dillon, SC 29536  
843.774.4337

Hartsville Center  
1268 S. Fourth Street  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
843.332.3422  
843.339.5520 Chiropractic

Lake View Center  
103 N. Kemper Street  
Lake View, SC 29563  
843.759.2189

Latta Center  
122 Latimer Street  
Latta, SC 29565  
843.627.6252

McColl Center  
3080 Highway 15-401 E.  
McColl, SC 29570  
843.523.5751

Society Hill Center  
737 S. Main Street  
Society Hill, SC 29593  
843.378.4501

# Join CareSouth Carolina for the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Extravaganza



Mark your calendars—CareSouth Carolina's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat is happening on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our Hartsville location (1268 S. Fourth Street).

This free community event is packed with fun for the entire family! Join us for:

- Music, food, and games
- Inflatables for kids
- Health information and screenings
- Trunk or Treat fun for all ages

Our Fall Festival is more than just a chance to enjoy seasonal fun—it's an opportunity to come together as a community, learn more about healthy living, and celebrate the season with family and friends.

Rain plan: In case of rain, the event will move indoors to the Hartsville YMCA (111 E. Carolina Avenue).

We look forward to seeing you there for a morning filled with fun, fellowship, and fall cheer. Bring your family, bring your friends, and don't miss out on this special celebration!

## National Dental Hygiene Month - Guide to Oral Health!

CareSouth Carolina proudly joins in recognizing the importance of oral health and dental hygiene for all ages. Through its world-class dental services, the organization has positively impacted thousands of children and families throughout the Pee Dee region.

The Miles of Smiles Program provides comprehensive dental care for children 18 and under. Care is offered in clinics and through the Mobile Dental Unit, which brings services directly to schools and community locations. This program is especially important for underserved areas and also offers specialized care for children with dental fears, special needs, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS.

Adults also benefit from CareSouth Carolina's commitment to oral health. The Adult Dental Care Cooperative provides a referral base for emergency care and comprehensive treatments. In addition, specialized services such as the Ryan White Dental Care Clinic and collaborations with county boards for the disabled reflect the organization's holistic approach to dental care. The Bishopville office serves as a hub for many of these vital services, ensuring the community has convenient access to quality dental care.

For appointments or more information, please call CareSouth Carolina at 866-815-9845.

## CSC Community Pharmacy Locations

**HARTSVILLE**  
1280 South Fourth Street  
843.339.5530

**BENNETTSVILLE**  
999 Cheraw Street  
843.456.7777

**CHERAW**  
812 State Road  
843.865.4080

**MCCOLL**  
3080 Highway 15-401 E.  
843.523.6212

**DILLON**  
1016 Old Latta Highway  
843.627.7154

**LATTA**  
122 Latimer Street  
843.627.6261

**BISHOPVILLE**  
545 Sumter Highway  
803.588.7960

**SOCIETY HILL**  
737 S. Main Street  
843.378.4148

**CHESTERFIELD**  
204 Perry Wiley Way  
843.927.1030



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