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**Template for Sustainable Healthcare Certification**



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**(Organization name) awarded Sustainable Healthcare Certification from The Joint Commission**

(CITY, State, Date) – (Organization name) has earned The Joint Commission’s Sustainable Healthcare Certification (SHC) by prioritizing environmental sustainability through decarbonization efforts. The certification demonstrates (organization name’s) achievement in establishing structure, rigor and accountability to accelerate these efforts.

The healthcare industry accounts for nearly 9% of the nation’s carbon emissions. In reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, organizations commit to cost-effective and efficient operations that seek to address climate change and the impacts that climate-related events can have on individuals.

(Organization name) underwent a virtual review on (date). During the review, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with related certification standards including the organization’s contribution toward global sustainability, its baselines for measuring three sources of GHG emissions and its actionable plans for reducing them.

“Sustainable Healthcare Certification recognizes healthcare organizations committed to striving for excellence and fostering continuous improvement in patient safety, quality of care and environmental sustainability,” says Ken Grubbs, DNP, MBA, RN, executive vice president of Accreditation and Certification Operations and chief nursing officer, The Joint Commission. “We commend (organization name) for using The Joint Commission’s certification process to enact sustainable practices and utilize resources that positively benefit patients and the environment.”

(Insert quote from organization leader)

(Insert specific examples of how organization prepared for certification process and/or specific certification’s eligibility requirements)

To help healthcare organizations achieve SHC, The Joint Commission has developed the [Sustainable Healthcare Resource Center](https://www.jointcommission.org/our-priorities/sustainable-healthcare/sustainable-healthcare-resource-center/). The resource center provides practical strategies, tools, literature, videos and links.

For more information, please visit [The Joint Commission website](https://www.jointcommission.org/).

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