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CENTRAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL Initiates Severe Weather Plan in Preparation for Hurricane Florence

SANFORD, NC (**September 12, 2018**) –Effective immediately, Central Carolina Hospital has initiated its severe weather plan and is proactively taking steps to prepare for the potential impact of Hurricane Florence. The facility's top priority is to continue providing the highest quality care possible while ensuring the safety of patients and their families, employees and providers— especially in a potentially emergent situation.

As part of its emergency response plan, Central Carolina Hospital is diligently preparing employees and providers to ensure they are well-equipped to serve the community during this critical time of need. Extra staff will be available to accommodate higher patient volumes and to support the transfer of patients to neighboring facilities, as needed. Hospital leaders are working around the clock to ensure that the facility will have the appropriate capacity and supplies to continue caring for patients and supporting staff in the days ahead.

Central Carolina Hospital is closely collaborating with the Emergency Management office in Lee County, NC to stay abreast of the latest storm developments, collaborate on appropriate response protocols and provide updates to the community. The facility intends to share regular updates via media alerts, its website and social media platforms regarding potential facility challenges that may impact certain patient care services in the immediate days ahead. The community should be advised that in the event of a widespread power outage, the hospital has the ability to generate its own power, as needed.

At this time, the hospital and its Emergency Department remain open and are fully operational. We will be closing the hospital's clinics early on Thursday and they will be closed on Friday. The hospital's clinics have been calling or will continue calling patients directly to reschedule appointments.

Please be sure to check the hospital's website at CentralCarolinaHospital.com and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/central.c.hospital frequently for updates throughout the duration of the storm.