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**Karla A Hirshorn, MD Granted the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) Credential**

Greenville, SC- August 2018 – [Interim HealthCare of the Upstate](#), a locally owned and operated home health and hospice services provider, is pleased to announce that Karla A Hirshorn, MD, HMDC, Hospice Associate Medical Director at Interim Healthcare of the Upstate, was recently granted the Hospice Medical Director Certified credential by the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board. Dr. Hirshorn was recognized for her commitment to improving the quality of life by displaying professional competency in the hospice industry.

Hospice practice includes patient care, medication management, performance improvement, engagement in interdisciplinary group (IDG) activities, and much more. Professional certification affirms a knowledge and experience base for hospice physicians to display commitment to their career, dedication to patient and family care, and the sustainability of the hospice organization and industry. HMDC designation is granted for six years and is renewed through continued validation of knowledge and re-assessment.

Dr. Hirshorn attended The College of New Jersey, in Ewing, NJ where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in biology and minors in chemistry and German in 2005. She then attended Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA, earning her Doctor of Medicine degree as one of the top ten graduates in 2009 with induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha and Hobart Amory Hare Honor Societies. From there Dr. Hirshorn moved to Iowa to complete her family medicine residency at the Genesis Quad Cities Family Medicine Residency program in Davenport, IA after serving as a chief resident. Following graduation, Dr Hirshorn moved to South Carolina to take a full time position as a family physician at Laurens Family Practice in Laurens, SC where she worked for over 4.5 years. She is currently the Hospice Associate Medical Director for Interim Healthcare of the Upstate and the Medical Director at New Life Medical Center Greenville. She is an active member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the South Carolina Medical Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Association.

"It is an honor and a privilege to care for a patient and their loved ones at the end of life," said Dr. Hirshorn. "I am blessed to be a part of the passionate healthcare team at Interim, who brings comfort and dignity to the dying and makes their last days full of life. Achieving the

Hospice Medical Director Certification allows me to better serve our patients and their families.”

The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) serves as an independent, not-for-profit certifying body to administer a certification program for hospice medical directors and other physicians who provide hospice care for patients. The mission of HMDCB is to relieve suffering and improve quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competency of hospice medical directors. For more information, visit [www.hmdcb.org](http://www.hmdcb.org).

Information about the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board including a directory of certified hospice physicians is available at [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org).

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