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Capstone Health Alliance Collaborates with Healthcare Industry Resilience Collaborative to Champion Best Practices in Healthcare Supply Chain Resiliency

Fletcher, NC, July 27, 2022 – As one of the largest regional purchasing coalitions in the nation, Capstone Health Alliance announced today it has joined the Healthcare Industry Resilience Collaborative (HIRC), a nonprofit health care supply chain association that champions standards and best practices in supply chain resiliency. As a matter of care continuity, this provider-led and supplier-supported organization brings together key participants across healthcare to improve transparency and resilience in the supply chain.

Capstone Health Alliance represents nearly 300 hospitals and thousands of providers across the healthcare continuum of care and is committed to ensuring a reliable and agile supply chain. Becoming a member of HIRC is the latest in a series of investments and collaborative initiatives with distributors, providers, and manufacturers to continuously improve the healthcare supply chain and drive down cost so that members in the alliance can focus on patient care.

“Alongside HIRC we believe that our collective experiences will result in best practices that are actionable and meaningful in increasing supply chain transparency so that we don’t ever re-experience the challenges in supply shortages that we are still facing today, more than two years into the pandemic,” said Tim Bugg, President and CEO at Capstone Health Alliance. “Collaboration is key.”

Jesse Schafer, executive director at HIRC states, “We are proud to welcome Capstone Health Alliance as a collaborator in our mission to increase supply assurance. The Capstone team and membership will be invaluable in the exchange of ideas and best practices HIRC continues to develop and support.” HIRC’s focus areas include standardizing resiliency key performance indicators; creating a framework to measure resiliency attributes through score-carding; and increasing supply chain visibility for greater continuity of critical supplies.

About Capstone Health Alliance

Headquartered in Asheville, NC, Capstone Health Alliance is a growing regional healthcare purchasing organization with hundreds of hospitals and thousands of other healthcare providers



and non-health members in 50 states. We deliver real savings and provide actionable data that enables better supply chain decisions. With a focus on helping our membership reduce costs, improve quality, and share best practices, Capstone members enjoy consistent price parity regardless of size or facility type. Our members harness the power of member collaboration to share best practices and improve clinical performance.

To learn more about Capstone: www.capstonehealthalliance.com

About HIRC

HIRC is the pre-eminent consortium for patient-centric healthcare supply chain resiliency best practice. HIRC was born through outreach by leading healthcare providers to peers and partners in the industry to face the challenge of supply chain resiliency together, rather than alone. Members participate in monthly calls, strategic initiatives and best practice sharing to enable a collaborative culture capable of producing sensible and scalable strategies. HIRC is non-competitive, non-exclusive and member driven.

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