

# Southcoast Health recognized by the White House for sustainability efforts

FALL RIVER, NEW BEDFORD, and WAREHAM, Mass. – On April 22, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recognized Southcoast Health for its public commitments to decarbonizing its operations and improving resilience in the face of climate change.

As part of the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), HHS shared that Southcoast Health was one of more than 130 organizations that joined the White House-HHS Health Sector climate pledge, committing to align with the Biden administration's goal of reducing emissions by 50 percent by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

"We are so proud to be a part of this initiative, and being one of the initial organizations to sign the pledge two years ago was a natural step," said Phil Oliveira, Vice President Supply Chain Strategy & Logistics and Executive-level Sustainability Lead at Southcoast Health. "For years, many of our efforts have been focused on reducing our environmental impact. Now that 2030 is only six years away, we are excited for the challenge to achieve our 50 percent carbon emission reduction pledge."

Since making this commitment, Southcoast Health is focusing on leading this conversation across the industry. By assessing the health system's emissions data, collaborating with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE), and other healthcare systems, strategic sourcing partners and the community, their goal is to enable bigger thinking and inspire action towards a lower carbon footprint.



*South Coast Health photo.*