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44% of Hospitals in Pennsylvania Earn an “A” in National Announcement of Fall 2023
Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group
Infections are Down Nationally After a Spike During the Pandemic

Bethlehem, PA – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation’s most influential employers and purchasers of health care, driven in Pennsylvania by the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH), announced the new fall 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. Hospitals earn an “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, or “F” Hospital Safety Grade reflecting how well they protect patients from preventable medical errors, accidents, injuries, and infections that together kill more than 500 people a day in the United States. Overall, Pennsylvania has 44.1% “A” Hospitals and maintains its ranking as 4th in the country for percentage of “A” hospitals.

The latest grades are the first to reflect post-pandemic hospital performance. Notably, Leapfrog found significant decreases in three dangerous health care-associated infections (HAIs), but patient experience reports continue to decline.

In Pennsylvania, 127 hospitals were graded, and 56 earned an “A,” 36 earned a “B,” 30 earned a “C,” 5 earned a “D,” and none earned an “F.”

LVBCH is your Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group in Pennsylvania. “We would like to recognize our local hospital systems and their campuses that received an “A” grade,” said Carl Seitz, President, LVBCH.

- **Giesinger Health System’s** Geisinger Medical System, Geisinger St. Luke’s Hospital, Lewistown, and Shamokin Area Community Hospital campuses
- **Lehigh Valley Health Network’s** Cedar Crest and Hecktown Oaks campuses
- **St. Luke’s University Health Network’s** Allentown, Anderson, Bethlehem, Easton, Monroe, Sacred Heart, and Upper Bucks campuses

“Nobody wants patients to suffer or even die from a preventable medical error, but sadly it happens all too often in hospitals across the country,” said Amanda Greene, Director of Operations, LVBCH and Leapfrog Regional Leader. “The employers and purchasers in our coalition believe everyone benefits when we know how hospitals are doing, and we can work together to prevent these terrible problems.”

“We know the pandemic caused tremendous strain on hospitals, but we are encouraged by the significant reduction in infections and applaud the hospitals in Pennsylvania that worked to achieve that. It is clear, however, that many hospitals have not fully rebounded, as shown by the declining patient experience measures,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “Despite the challenges, we commend the

hospitals in Pennsylvania that are clearly putting patients first.”

The Leapfrog Group has a more than 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the U.S., based on a hospital’s ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual hospital grades and state rankings, please visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

About LVBCH

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide access to quality affordable healthcare for their employees. The Coalition’s mission is to improve the delivery, cost and quality of health care in our communities through: Collective employer action; Quality and data initiatives; Value based purchasing; and, Providing forums for the exchange of information, ideas and resources. The Coalition is also a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, [The Leapfrog Group](#) is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#), Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. For more, [follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter](#).

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