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**24 Michigan hospitals penalized for hospital acquired conditions**

**Novi, MI, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – The Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) is concerned over the number of Michigan hospitals being penalized for hospital acquired conditions by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS released the data on Thursday, December 10th, identifying hospitals who nationally ranked in the bottom quartile for hospital acquired conditions/infections. These conditions include ulcers, bloodstream infections, surgical site infections and urinary-tract infections. Twenty-four Michigan hospitals fell into this quartile.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, the law requires the lowest ranking one-quarter of hospitals in the country to be penalized. These hospitals will see their Medicare payments reduced by 1% in 2016.

The goal of the program is to hold hospitals accountable for hospital acquired infections and to shift hospitals into a thought process of giving higher quality and care performance, rather than higher volume of services.

“When a patient acquires a new infection while in the hospital, it costs taxpayers, patients and employers more money,” said Bret Jackson, president of the EAM. “We encourage patients and caregivers to research which hospital is safest for them. Another great source for this is the Hospital Safety Score.”

The Hospital Safety Score is released twice a year by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. Learn more about which hospitals are safest in your area at <http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org/>.

The 24 Michigan hospitals in the bottom quartile nationally are:

| <b><u>Hospital</u></b>          | <b><u>City</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Borgess Medical Center          | Kalamazoo          |
| Carson City Hospital            | Carson City        |
| DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital  | Detroit            |
| DMC Harper University Hospital  | Detroit            |
| DMC Sinai-Grace                 | Detroit            |
| Doctor's Hospital of Michigan   | Pontiac            |
| Genesys Regional Medical Center | Grand Blanc        |
| Henry Ford Macomb               | Clinton Township   |
| Hurley Medical Center           | Flint              |
| McLaren Flint                   | Flint              |

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| McLaren Macomb                       | Mt. Clemens  |
| Mercy Health St. Mary's              | Grand Rapids |
| MidMichigan Center-Clare             | Clare        |
| North Ottawa Community Health Center | Grand Haven  |
| Oaklawn Hospital                     | Marshall     |
| Oakwood Hospital                     | Dearborn     |
| Promedica Monroe Regional            | Monroe       |
| Spectrum Health Big Rapids           | Big Rapids   |
| Spectrum Health Butterworth          | Grand Rapids |
| St. Joseph Mercy Oakland             | Pontiac      |
| St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron          | Port Huron   |
| Tawas St. Joseph Hospital            | Tawas City   |
| Three Rivers Hospital                | Three Rivers |
| West Branch Regional Medical Center  | West Branch  |

**About the Economic Alliance for Michigan**

The Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) is comprised of companies and unions working together to improve the business and jobs climate in the State of Michigan. Created in 1982, EAM was founded as a private nonprofit corporation by companies and unions in the for-profit sector. EAM focuses on cooperative, action-oriented endeavors to improve the reality and image of Michigan as a place to do business and be employed. The EAM is the Michigan Regional Roll-Out coordinator for The Leapfrog Group. Learn more about us at [www.eamonline.org](http://www.eamonline.org).

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