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**2016 Patient Safety Grades Announced, 26 Michigan Hospitals Receive  
“A” Grade, 46 percent of Michigan Hospitals Graded “C” Level**

*Corresponding study reports selecting the right hospital can reduce your risk of  
avoidable death by 50 percent*

**Novi, Michigan, April 25, 2016** – The Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) announced today the release of the April 2016 Hospital Safety Scores, published by national nonprofit watchdog The Leapfrog Group. Assigning A, B, C, D, and F letter grades, the Score provides the most complete picture of avoidable hospital errors, accidents and infections that kill or harm tens of thousands of patients every year. New for this update are the grading factors in five measures of patient experience that have been correlated with the hospital's safety record, as well as two common and deadly infections, MRSA and C.diff.

**A new report released alongside The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score April 2016 update finds that 33,000 lives would be saved if all hospitals performed as safely as A hospitals.**

**Compared to A hospitals, patients face a 9% higher risk of dying from a preventable harm in B hospitals, 35% higher in C hospitals and 50% higher in D and F hospitals.** The report was produced for Leapfrog by Matt Austin, Ph.D., director of The Leapfrog Hospital Survey, assistant professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at John Hopkins University School of Medicine, and faculty member at the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality. [Refer to end of press release for list of statewide A hospitals]

Michigan hospital highlights:

- **Of the 80 Michigan hospitals issued a Hospital Safety Score, 26 earned an A; 13 earned a B; 37 earned a C; 3 earned a D; and one earned an F.**

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- **Five hospitals have earned straight A's since the inception of Hospital Safety Score in 2013. They are Allegiance Health in Jackson, Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township, Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, and University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers in Ann Arbor.**
- Hospitals can use the Hospital Safety Score as benchmark to improve upon and/or maintain excellent patient safety.
- When choosing a hospital, patients can use the Hospital Safety Score to reduce their risks of hospital acquired infections.
- Employers can save money by recommending employees use high-performing hospitals.

"There is a large cost difference between a C-F hospital and an A hospital. That cost is not only in dollars, but we now know the cost is also in lives," said Bret Jackson, EAM President. "Excellent patient safety is what every hospital should strive for."

"It is time for every hospital in America to put patient safety at the top of their priority list. Tens of thousands of lives are stake," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

The Hospital Safety Score assigns A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. For more information about the Hospital Safety Score or to view the list of state rankings, please visit [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org). To learn how employers are footing the bill for hospital errors, visit Leapfrog's [Cost Calculator](#). Journalists interested in scheduling an interview with The Leapfrog Group should contact [LeapfrogMediaGroup@sternstrategy.com](mailto:LeapfrogMediaGroup@sternstrategy.com). Michigan specific inquires contact The Economic Alliance for Michigan.

**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 Leader for The Leapfrog Group. Learn more about us at [www.eamonline.org](http://www.eamonline.org). Follow us on Twitter @EAMOnline.

**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 forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. Hospital Safety Score, 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.

**Spring 2016 "A" Hospitals**

	<b>City</b>
Allegiance Health	Jackson
Community Health Center of Branch County	Coldwater
Dickinson County Healthcare System	Iron Mountain
Garden City Hospital	Garden City

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