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According to new maternity care report, 53 percent of Michigan hospitals with labor and delivery units do not disclose patient safety

Only 39 hospitals participate in Leapfrog's maternity care survey

NOVI, MICHIGAN – May 5, 2016: The Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM), along with The Leapfrog Group, released today its 2016 Maternity Care Report, an in-depth look at one of the leading causes of hospitalizations for privately-insured women ages 19 to 44. According to the report, as analyzed by Castlight Health, while there has been important quality improvements on episiotomies and early elective delivery rates by hospitals, many hospitals are still not meeting national performance targets for quality metrics.

The report reveals that transparency of maternity care remains an issue in Michigan. Fifty-three percent of hospitals with labor and delivery units in the state “declined to respond” to the Leapfrog survey.

“There are major health systems who boast how great their hospitals are to give birth at but yet do not participate in transparency reporting,” said Bret Jackson, president of EAM. “Giving birth, starting a family is a lifetime milestone and patients have the right to know which hospitals are the safest for both baby and mother.”

“Private employers, unions, states, and localities have long pushed for public reporting of these measures, because maternity care is so important to their members,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of Leapfrog. “We believe families deserve to know how hospitals are doing, so they can make good decisions on where to give birth, and avoid unnecessary risks and expense to the mother and the baby.”

Of the 39 reporting hospitals, 33 meet Leapfrog's early elective delivery rates - inductions or C-sections performed before 39 weeks gestation without medical necessity. A low early elective

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delivery rate indicates that the hospital is taking important steps to minimize risks to the mother and baby by delivering too soon.

In Michigan, only one hospital, DMC Harper-Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, satisfied all four measured standards: episiotomy rates, cesarean sections rates, early elective delivery rates and high-risk deliveries.

Key findings from the Maternity Care Report for Michigan include:

- **13 hospitals meet standards for episiotomy rates:** An episiotomy is a once routine incision made in the birth canal during childbirth that is now recommended only for a narrow set of cases. Leapfrog's target for all hospitals is 5% or less. Hospitals meeting this standard are: Bronson Methodist in Kalamazoo, C.S. Mott in Ann Arbor, DMC Harper-Hutzel in Detroit, Henry Ford Macomb in Clinton Township, Mercy Health Hackley Campus in Muskegon, Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, Metro Health in Wyoming, DMC Sinai-Grace in Detroit, Sparrow Carson City Hospital, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial in Fremont and Spectrum Health United in Greenville.
- **Hospitals continue to perform too many C-sections:** Leapfrog utilizes the endorsed NTSV C-section measure, and finds (nationally) that at 60% of reporting hospitals, the C-section rate was too high, surpassing Leapfrog's target rate of 23.9% for all hospitals. Variation is dramatic, ranging from a low as 10% to as high as 54% in one east coast city. **Eleven Michigan hospitals fully meet the C-section standard:** Bronson Battle Creek, C.S. Mott in Ann Arbor, Garden City Hospital, DMC Harper-Hutzel in Detroit, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, McLaren Macomb in Mount Clemens, Mercy Health Hackley Campus in Muskegon, OSF St. Francis in Escanaba, Spectrum Health United in Greenville, Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital and St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.
- **Many hospitals don't have adequate experience with high-risk deliveries:** Very low birth weight infants born with complications are more likely to survive if their hospital has an experienced NICU on-site, yet nationally, 78% of hospitals performing high-risk deliveries do not meet Leapfrog's standard. **Of the 21 hospitals with neonatal intensive care services (level III+) only 3 hospitals in Michigan fully meet this standard: DMC Harper-Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac.**

The complete Maternity Care Report is available [online](#). Other publicly available resources include:

- Data on all measures, searchable by region or hospital via Leapfrog's [Hospital Survey Results](#)
- State averages on early elective deliveries via Leapfrog's "[Too Early Deliveries](#)" page
- More information on [C-section rates by hospital](#)

Today's report is the first in a series of six reports examining key quality and safety measures at hospitals nationwide based on data from the 2015 [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) of 1,750 U.S. hospitals and analysis provided by Castlight Health. Future publications in the report series will be available at <http://www.leapfroggroup.org/HospitalSurveyReport>.

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

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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.

About Castlight Health

Our mission is to empower people to make the best choices for their health and to help companies make the most of their health benefits. We offer a health benefits platform that engages employees to make better healthcare decisions and guide them to the right program, care, and provider. The platform also enables benefit leaders to communicate and measure their programs while driving employee engagement with targeted, relevant communications. Castlight has partnered with more than 190 customers, spanning millions of lives, to improve healthcare outcomes, lower costs, and increase benefits satisfaction.

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