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NORTHEAST BUSINESS GROUP ON HEALTH HONORS THREE NY/CONNECTICUT AREA HOSPITALS WITH LEAPFROG GROUP AWARDS

Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, William W. Backus Hospital and Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center recognized for dedication to improving patient safety and quality

NEW YORK, December 17, 2014 – Today, Northeast Business Group on Health (NEBGH) honored three hospitals – Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, William W. Backus Hospital and Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center – with Leapfrog Hospital awards for their dedication and commitment to improving patient safety and quality.

“The three hospitals we are honoring should be proud of the advances they have made and for their ongoing dedication to patient safety and striving to provide the highest quality of care,” said Laurel Pickering, President and CEO of NEBGH. “These hospitals are clearly leading the way with initiatives and programs for delivering the best quality of care in the New York metro region. We are pleased to recognize these hospitals and their forward-thinking executives.”

Each of these award winning hospitals achieved the highest scores on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey in this region and received an “A” Hospital Safety Score rating: Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center received the Outstanding Performance in Patient Safety and Quality Award; William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, CT received the Distinguished Performance in Patient Safety and Quality Award, and Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center received the Greatest Leaps in Patient Safety and Quality Award. The awards were presented today at NEBGH’s first annual Leapfrog Hospital Awards Breakfast.

The awards were based on a rigorous review of participating area hospitals conducted by The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of public and private purchasers of employee health coverage dedicated to improving health care safety, quality and affordability. Leapfrog benchmarks hospitals against practices that reduce the risk of medical errors and hospital-acquired infections, and improve patient outcomes. The results are publicly reported at www.leapfroggroup.org. Hospitals voluntarily complete the survey and agree to make their results public.

“I am proud to support the Northeast Business Group on Health in recognizing hospitals in the New York metro area for their participation in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which is the nation’s acknowledged tool for hospitals to demonstrate their true commitment to transparency,” said Leah Binder, CEO, The Leapfrog Group. “I commend these hospitals, and hope to see more hospitals in New York stepping forward with a similar commitment to candor. The people in New York deserve no less.”

About Northeast Business Group on Health

Northeast Business Group on Health is an employer-led coalition of healthcare leaders and other stakeholders that works to empower its members to drive excellence in health and achieve the highest value in healthcare delivery and the consumer experience. For more information, visit www.nebgh.org or call (212) 252-7440.

About The Leapfrog Group

The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org) is a national nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of healthcare to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of healthcare for Americans. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 with support from the Business Roundtable and national funders and is now independently operated with support from its purchaser and other members.

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