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## **Patient Safety Improvements Remain Sluggish, but Some Hospitals Shine: 2015 Hospital Safety Scores Released**

*New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut Hospitals Receive New 2015 Hospital Safety Scores Demonstrating Key Strides in Protecting Patients from Errors, Accidents, Injuries and Infections*

**NEW YORK, October 28, 2015** – Northeast Business Group on Health announced today the release of the Fall 2015 Hospital Safety Scores, published by patient safety nonprofit, The Leapfrog Group. Used by patients across the country to choose a safer facility for care, the A, B, C, D, and F letter grades were assigned to 2,530 U.S. general hospitals in the latest update. On average, the latest update shows uneven progress on patient safety, but highlights those hospitals taking focused steps to refine safety protocols, improve outcomes, and consistently achieve safer care.

In New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut, grades were assigned to 290 hospitals with 96 receiving an A, the highest letter grade. Twenty-seven of those hospitals have received “Straight As” since the inception of the Score in 2012. Massachusetts had the most number of hospitals (35) receiving an A, followed by New Jersey (32), New York (25) and Connecticut (4). Among the New York State hospitals receiving an A grade, ten are located within New York City’s five boroughs.

“NEBGH applauds The Leapfrog Group in providing safety scores to the public. Transparency of hospital quality information is essential for consumers to make informed decisions of where they can receive the safest care,” said Laurel Pickering, President and CEO of Northeast Business Group on Health. “We also applaud the hospitals who work hard every day to improve care. Even though great strides have been made by so many hospitals, others have slipped or have not improved at all. For this reason, we need to be diligent in providing quality and value information to ensure accountability.”

“No matter how large or small, no matter what kind of community they serve, all hospitals have the potential to give their patients this high level of safe care,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We are excited by the success of your community’s hospitals and look forward to continuing our work together in providing consumers with a safer health care experience.”

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](#).

### **About Northeast Business Group on Health**

NEBGH is an employer-led coalition of healthcare leaders and other stakeholders with the mission of empowering members to drive excellence in health and achieve the highest value in healthcare delivery and the consumer experience. NEBGH currently has 170 members comprised of national and global self-insured employers based in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts; plus national health plans, major consulting organizations, regional hospital systems and other key stakeholders. For more information, visit [www.nebgh.org](http://www.nebgh.org)

### **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. The 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.

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