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Houston Business Coalition on Health Joins The Leapfrog Group as a Regional Leader

Hospital Survey will improve local safety and quality for patients

HOUSTON – Oct. 10, 2018 – The [Houston Business Coalition on Health](#) (HBCCH), a non-profit multi-stakeholder organization representing more than 85 local businesses providing health care benefits to more than 800,000 area employees and their family members, joins The Leapfrog Group as a [Regional Leader](#). The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that serves as a voice for health care purchasers, using their collective influence to foster positive change in US health care.

“HBCCH’s participation as a Regional Leader gives Houston employers and purchasers a new tool to help their employees and the whole community get the best health care,” said Leah Binder, The Leapfrog Group president and CEO. “The one-of-a-kind data resulting from the Leapfrog Hospital Survey provides the people of Houston with information they can’t get anywhere else, so they can make critical health care decisions for themselves and their families. It also gives employers a tool to recognize excellence in Houston hospitals.”

HBCCH and its members will ask Houston area hospitals that agreed to participate in the 2018 Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey but have not yet submitted their information to do so before the December 2018 deadline. In 2019, HBCCH will work with all area hospitals during the submission process which begins next March and concludes in December.

“The Leapfrog Hospital Survey is designed by and for employers, other purchasers and the major national organizations devoted to improving healthcare quality across the country,” said Chris Skisak, PhD, HBCCH executive director. “Publicly reported hospital quality information is very important to employers making purchasing decisions and to consumers to know what hospital they should choose. We believe so much in the Leapfrog Group process that we recommend all employers demand it as part of the health plan RFP.”

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 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, 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 Houston Business Coalition on Health

The non-profit [Houston Business Coalition on Health](#) is a leading resource for Houston employers dedicated to providing health benefits at a sustainable cost while improving the quality and employee experience of their delivery through effective benefits design. With 85 members, HBCCH represents 800,000 local and more than 2 million national employer-sponsored lives. HBCCH a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions. For additional information visit our website houstonbch.org and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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