

April 1, 2010

RE: Please participate in The Leapfrog Hospital Survey for 2010 – RURAL Hospital

Dear CEO/Administrator,

I am writing to ask you to complete the 2010 Leapfrog Hospital Survey located on the Web at <https://leapfrog.medstat.com> by **June 30, 2010**. The Virginia Business Coalition on Health is once again leading Leapfrog's efforts in Virginia. We hope to motivate community-wide collaboration to improve health care quality in partnership with our local hospitals and health systems.

We are asking you to respond to this important hospital quality Survey so that our employer members, their beneficiaries, and the community at large have access to critical information needed to make informed health care choices. Health plans and employers use this publicly reported information from more than 1,200 hospitals to make decisions regarding plan structure and benefits.

Participating in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey allows hospitals to:

1. Receive a free LHRP Summary Report of your hospital's performance results
2. Receive public recognition in your community for your performance achievements
3. Become a Leapfrog Top Hospital depending on your performance results*
4. Earn recognition or rewards through local payer initiatives
5. Steer patients to your facility as a high-performing hospital

*Beginning in 2009, Leapfrog created a specific Top Hospital category for Rural Hospitals that receive an LHRP score in the top decile nationally for efficiency. We strongly urge you to complete the Survey to qualify for this great recognition opportunity.

Enclosed is the security code you will need to complete the Survey. The deadline for completion is **June 30, 2010**, but you can resubmit at any time since results are updated monthly. Survey results for hospitals who meet the June 30th deadline are posted on Leapfrog's website at www.leapfroggroup.org/cp during the last week of July. *Because your hospital is considered rural, we ask that you focus on at least two of the four leaps: Please submit your responses for the Evidence-Based Hospital Referral section, if you electively perform any of the procedures, and also the Leapfrog Safe Practices section.*

Leapfrog is hosting town hall calls in the spring of 2010 to discuss the completion of the Survey – details about these calls will be posted on Leapfrog's website at www.leapfroggroup.org. These free calls will discuss the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and its measures in more detail.

Get an early start; visit <https://leapfrog.medstat.com/> to learn how to begin the reporting process. Please contact me at 757.552.0913 or eciccotelli@cox.net if you have any questions about the reporting process and Leapfrog's activity in this region. Use the [Leapfrog Survey Help Desk](#) link at the bottom of the Survey home page if you have any technical or content questions about the Survey.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures **[Security Code; Leapfrog Fact Sheets; VBCH Members; Leapfrog Covered Lives in Virginia]**