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EXCELA HEALTH ACCOLADES FOR PATIENT SAFETY CONTINUE

National Recognition Reaffirms System's Commitment To Quality

GREENSBURG, PA, May 10, 2022 ... Excela Health continues to be recognized for exceptional patient care, with Excela Westmoreland Hospital and Excela Latrobe Hospital each receiving an "A" in [The Leapfrog Group's](#) Spring 2022 [Hospital Safety Grades](#). This marks the fourth consecutive grading period for Westmoreland Hospital to receive the "A" designation.

"As our healthcare system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Excela Health for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire healthcare workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud."

"We are gratified to have our performance reviewed by many benchmarking organizations nationwide," said John Sphon, Excela Health Chief Executive Officer. "There are various factors that contribute to the total patient experience and the pandemic has certainly shaped our day-to-day work in ways we could not have imagined. Still, we remain focused on delivering safe, high-quality care during each

encounter.”

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

To see more details on Excelsa Health’s performance, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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 healthcare. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC 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.