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Leapfrog Announces Two New Health Care Quality Awards Submissions Due December 1

Washington DC – The Leapfrog Group is now accepting applications for two new health care quality awards. The Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award will be given to a hospital or health system whose Board has most successfully mobilized the organization to improve the quality of patient care. The Leapfrog Patient-Centered Care Award will be awarded to the hospital or health system whose Board has most successfully driven the creation of a true partnership between patients and their caregivers.

Experts in health care quality will serve as the awards committee. Their decisions will be announced on January 7, 2008. Winners will receive the awards at a January 28 ceremony at the Leapfrog Conference on the Future of Hospital Governance: Quality at the Leading Edge in Los Angeles. Applications are due by December 1, 2007 and can be accessed at <http://www.blsm meetings.net/Leapfrogconference08/aa.cfm>.

Criteria for the Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award, sponsored by Leapfrog and Arrowsight (www.arrowsight.com), include: whether the Board spends significant time at each of its meetings attending to quality, whether executive review and compensation are tied to specific quality metrics; and, demonstrated improvements in quality and outcomes over the last three years.

Sponsored by Leapfrog and Lehman Brothers, criteria for the Leapfrog Patient-Centered Care Award include how informed the Board is on quality, safety and patient experience within the organization, whether patient advocates are integrated into the organization at every level, and whether the organization has a policy in place for disclosing medical errors to patients and/or their families.

More information on the Leapfrog Conference on the Future of Hospital Governance: Quality at the Leading Edge can be found at <http://www.blsm meetings.net/Leapfrogconference08/>. Hospital and health system trustees and executives are encouraged to attend.

The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org). On behalf of the millions of Americans for whom many of the nation's largest corporations and public agencies buy health benefits, The Leapfrog Group aims to use its members' collective leverage to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality, and affordability of health care. Founded in November 2000 by the Business Roundtable, The Leapfrog Group secures its support from major corporations, business coalitions and public agencies that purchase health care benefits, as well as other products and services it provides to the health care industry to support value-based purchasing.

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