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## **Two Tools Unveiled to Promote Use of Incentives and Rewards in Health Care**

### **Compendium catalogs incentive and reward programs across the nation; Decision Tool aids in program design**

Washington DC – To fuel the drive toward value-driven health care, The Leapfrog Group unveils today an upgraded Leapfrog Incentive and Reward Compendium and the new P4P (pay for performance) Decision Tool.

The Leapfrog Incentive and Reward Compendium is a free, searchable, sortable database that categorizes and describes financial programs – such as those that reward providers with quality bonuses, and non-financial programs – such as those that reward providers with public recognition. These programs aim to impact either hospitals, physicians, health plans and/or consumers. Funded by the Commonwealth Fund, the Compendium can be found at [www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium2](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium2).

The Compendium has been on the Leapfrog web site since 2004. This revised version is far more user-friendly and designed to directly compare programs. To date, just 49 programs have submitted structured entries about themselves to the revised Compendium. The Leapfrog Group calls on others to submit entries to help build a comprehensive data base. To submit program information, visit [http://www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium\\_submit](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium_submit).

The P4P Decision Tool, funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), is an online, interactive guide designed to help users understand the range of options available in designing and implementing an incentive and reward program. After inputting the requested information, the Tool generates a list of programs – drawn from the Leapfrog Compendium – that best meet their needs. The list is supplemented with detailed descriptions as well as contact information. Access the P4P Decision Tool at [http://www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium\\_dt\\_home](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/compendium_dt_home).

“The P4P Decision Tool supplies practical and actionable information for organizations seeking to implement an incentive and reward program,” said Jill Berger, Marriott International and Chair, The Leapfrog Group.

The use of incentives and rewards, or pay for performance, models is growing as the nation searches for ways to right the health care system. Today, doctors and hospitals are often paid without regard to the quality or affordability of the care they provide. This practice discourages efforts to deliver better and more efficient care.

“The Leapfrog Group and its members work to create incentives to improve care through new payment practices. We hope these new tools will aid in that process,” said Karen Linscott, acting CEO, The Leapfrog Group.

**The Leapfrog Group** ([www.leapfroggroup.org](http://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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