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The Boeing Company and Premier Blue Embrace Leapfrog Initiatives

A leading group of Fortune 500 companies and other large health care purchasers founded "The Leapfrog Group" by creating and committing to a common set of purchasing principles to leap ahead in patient safety.

Leapfrog's goal is to mobilize employer purchasing power to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety and overall value of health care to American consumers. It is a voluntary program aimed at mobilizing large purchasers to alert the health care industry that big leaps in patient safety and customer value will be recognized and rewarded with preferential use and other intensified market reinforcements.

The three initial safety Leaps of the program:

- **Computer Physician Order Entry:** Physician order entry in hospitals is computerized.
- **Evidence-Based Hospital Referral:** Effective treatment is guided by providers to hospitals and clinical teams with superior outcomes if valid comparative quality measurement systems exist; if not, such guidance is based on scientific evidence of volume-outcome relationships.
- **ICU Physician Staffing:** Hospital ICU care is managed by physicians certified (or eligible for certification) in critical care medicine, who are present during daytime hours, provide care exclusively in the ICU and, at other times, can return ICU pages promptly, and rely on a certified 'effector' to implement telephonic orders.

Wesley Medical Center and its parent organization, HCA, are committed to the Leapfrog initiatives. Recently, HCA has become a member of the Leapfrog group as one of their Fortune 500 companies.

Premier Blue is proud to participate in the Leapfrog initiative and acknowledges the efforts of providers in the improvement of quality and safety in the delivery of health care. If you would like additional information on the Leapfrog initiatives you may call 316-688-7469.

