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## **EXCELA HEALTH CONTINUES TO EXCEL IN PATIENT SAFETY**

**LATROBE, PA, November 8, 2018** – Excelsa Health and Latrobe Hospital are once again recognized for safe patient care, having received an ‘A’ in [The Leapfrog Group](#)’s Fall 2018 [Hospital Safety Grade](#). The designation recognizes Excelsa Latrobe Hospital’s continuing efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States. The Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

“This marks the third straight grading period in which Excelsa Latrobe Hospital has received a “A”, and we couldn’t be more pleased,” said Maryann Singley, MSN, RN, the hospital’s Vice President of Patient Care Services. “It truly takes a village to provide care to our patients. Teamwork and adherence to best practices help to ensure that the right care is delivered to the right patient at the right time.”

Of the 132 hospitals receiving grades in Pennsylvania, Excelsa Latrobe is one of 50 with the A grade.

Elsewhere, Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital is one of 27 Pennsylvania hospitals achieving a “B” ; Excelsa Frick Hospital does not have sufficient data to be rated in this program.

“Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals like Excelsa Latrobe Hospital that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The

Leapfrog Group. “Hospitals that earn an A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors.”

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Excelsa Latrobe Hospital was one of 855 across the United States awarded an A in the Fall 2018 update of grades. To see full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.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 health care. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) collects and transparently reports hospital 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.

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