



Weekly Bulletin – June 12, 2025

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★★★ PATIENT QUALITY AND SAFETY (Leapfrog)

2025 Recognized Leader in Caring for People Living with Diabetes Winners Announced

On June 4, the American Diabetes Association® (ADA) in partnership with The Leapfrog Group named 36 hospitals across 12 states as 2025 [Recognized Leaders in Caring for People Living with Diabetes](#). The award recognizes each hospital's strong commitment to the safety and well-being of hospitalized people living with diabetes, estimated to be 30% of all people who are inpatients nationwide.

Congratulations to the 2025
Recognized Leaders in Caring
for People Living with Diabetes



Every year, approximately [8 million Americans](#) living with diabetes are hospitalized and face heightened risks of severe complications, including amputations, comas, and even death.

Errors in medication administration, inadequate discharge planning, and/or exposure to hospital-acquired infections can have particularly devastating consequences for this vulnerable population.

Now in its second year, this first-of-its-kind designation program evaluates hospitals based on their care for people living with diabetes during admission, stay, and discharge. The program operationalizes the ADA's globally recognized guidelines for treatment of people living with diabetes, the [Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025](#), along with Leapfrog's standards for excellence in hospital safety and quality.

Of the 36 recipients of this year's award, the Florida Alliance is pleased to report that two hospitals in Florida have been recognized for their commitment to addressing the unique risks people living with diabetes who are hospitalized have. Congratulations to [AdventHealth Waterman](#) and [Orlando Health South Lake Hospital](#)!

A reminder that the Florida Alliance serves as The Leapfrog Group's Regional Leader for Florida.

Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.

Employer Member Benefit: Emerging Practices for Screening Patients for Financial Assistance – Webinar – Wednesday, July 16, 3:00PM ET

The Leapfrog Group's Billing Ethics Standard was first introduced in 2021. In 2024, they added a series of optional fact-finding questions focused on whether hospitals were screening all patients for their financial assistance programs regardless of insurance status. Employers are invited to a free Town Hall



Call to learn more about Leapfrog's approach to presumptive eligibility and emerging practices for screening patients for financial assistance. These strategies and resources can support hospitals as they develop and evaluate their own practices. The webinar will feature a live Q&A following the presentation.

Presenters include Heather Scott, *Program Coordinator*, The Leapfrog Group, Eva Stahl, *Vice President, Public Policy & Program Management*, Undue Medical Debt, and Ruth Lande, *Vice President, Provider Relations*, Undue Medical Debt. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.



EMPLOYER MEMBER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, REPORTS, RESOURCES AND EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELC)

Registration is Open! Florida Alliance 30th Annual “Best of the Best” Event – Thursday, December 11, 9:00AM – 1:30PM ET

We are pleased to announce that registration is officially open for our 30th Annual “Best of the Best” event, hosted by our Affiliate Member Winter Park Health Foundation at their award-winning Center for Health and Wellbeing.

This premier event showcases high-value healthcare strategies from visionary employers across the country who are reshaping benefit design and contracting. Join us to hear innovative, result-driven approaches that are improving health outcomes while controlling costs.



Details about hotel accommodations will be shared soon.

Details of the event:

- **Date:** Thursday, December 11, 2025
- **Registration:** 8:30AM – 9:00AM EDT
- **Program Time:** 9:00AM – 1:30PM EDT
- **Location:** Center for Health and Wellbeing, 2005 Mizell Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792
- **Your Complimentary Member Promo code:** EMPLOYERBOTB122025 (Please do not share this code outside your organization. If you have a colleague at an organization that is not a member of the Florida Alliance, please reach out to Karen van Caulil at Karen@flhealthvalue.org for a guest code and flyer that you can share with them.)
- **Register** [HERE](#)

Thank You to Our Early Sponsors of “Best of the Best”!



Please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions or need help registering.

Podcast: Don't Mess with Texas Employers: Chris Skisak on State Policy for Affordable Health Care



Chris Skisak, Executive Director of Texas Employers for Affordable Healthcare and the Houston Business Coalition on Health

As part of a podcast limited series from Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR), Andréa Caballero of CPR sits down with Chris Skisak, Executive Director of Texas Employer for Affordable Healthcare and the Houston Business Coalition on Health, to explore how Texas employers are fighting back against hospital consolidation, opaque contracts, and rising healthcare costs.

The Texas organizations that Chris leads are tackling two of the most entrenched problems in health care, a lack of transparency and a lack of competition. In this candid conversation, Chris sheds light on what is really driving up prices in Texas and what employers can do about it.

This episode offers insights that we are able to incorporate into our own health policy strategies here in Florida for addressing anti-competitive practices and reclaiming control of healthcare costs for our members.

Mentioned during the episode is the RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study 6.0. This study is the one where we learned that Florida is the #1 most expensive state in the US for employers purchasing hospital services. In past rounds, we have had our Employer Members submit their data to RAND for inclusion in the study and we hope that in this next round we will see increased participation. The Florida Alliance will provide updates on timing and how to participate when that information is made available.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the podcast.

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Data Transparency: The Path to Affordable Health Care

Florida Alliance Affiliate Member Merck has provided a resource aimed at educating employers about how data issues that are not in their control are adversely impacting what employers are paying for healthcare services. In this resource, they also address data sources that employers may not realize they have access to within their organization that could help them target populations of greatest need. The bottom line is that **with increased data visibility, employers can play a more effective role in shaping healthcare affordability.**



To view the resource from Merck, click [HERE](#).

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Baptist Health Jacksonville Ends Partnership with UF Health

Baptist Health's Wolfson Children's Hospital plans to end a longtime clinical partnership with UF Health Jacksonville in favor of an expanded alliance with Nemours Children's Health. The shift

to Nemours, a multi-specialty pediatric clinic in Jacksonville that is part of a national pediatric health care system, will occur in early 2026.



According to an article in *Becker's Hospital Review*, the move will expand the team of pediatric physicians practicing at Wolfson Children's and improve care continuity for families in the Jacksonville region.

UF Health said it was "both surprised and disheartened" to learn that Baptist had "unilaterally decided to end its decades-long clinical collaboration." Despite the change, UF Health said its mission is not changing. "As an academic health center, we are proud of our legacy and the substantial contributions we continue to make to pediatric care and medical education, and we remain steadfast in our mission to serve every corner of our community with the highest standards of clinical excellence."

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

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