

## The Alliance Provider Newsletter May 2020

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### Membership Numbers

The Alliance currently covers more than 105,000 individuals from 275 employers in the Midwest.

### Hard at (Virtual) Work

We would like to remind you that although we're working from home, The Alliance is still operating at full capacity during normal business hours.

Despite working remotely, we've been busier than ever trying to help our members navigate these difficult times in the form of online meetings and webinars.

Last month we hosted our very first Employer Town Hall to offer employers a chance to network and share business solutions on navigating COVID-19. [You can view our recap](#) if you want to hear what employers are saying.

### Website Changes

#### Dedicated COVID-19 Page

You may have noticed [we also created a new page](#) as an all-inclusive resource to help employers navigate the ramifications of COVID-19. If we



have an important update to share that relates to the pandemic, this page will be updated first.

## New Find-a-Doctor Page

In addition to our website updates, we've also initiated a plan to update our Find-a-Doctor page to be faster and easier to use. We don't have a timeline quite yet for completion, but please know that the current Find-a-Doctor page will continue to be fully functional as it has been. As always, we'll update you via email with any important updates.

## Leapfrog Hospital Survey Deadline Extended

Participation for the 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Survey opened on April 1, and due to the pandemic, facilities now have until August 31 to complete the survey.



Last year, a record 2,100+ providers participated in the survey nationwide – representing nearly 70% of inpatient beds around the country – and we expect an even bigger turnout this year! Your participation is vital in showing real progress towards a safer, higher-quality, more transparent health care system for all. Providers can expect the following benefits by participating:

- Benchmark your performance on important quality and safety categories.
- Create a performance improvement plan by charting year-over-year progress.
- Demonstrate your commitment to quality and safety improvement to your staff, Board of Directors, and patients alike.
- Show your commitment to transparency – a highly valued consideration for patients when choosing a provider.

For the first time, Leapfrog will be publicly reporting results of the new Outpatient Procedures section of the Hospital Survey, and results of the ASC Survey by facility.

## Our Blog



### [Wisconsin Can Save \\$394 Million by Steering Patients to High-Value Health Care](#)

A study by GNS Healthcare, shows that employers could save hundreds of millions of dollars by steering consumers toward high-quality, low-cost physicians. [Read more >>](#)



### [Are Policy-Makers Moving from Fee-for-Service to Paying for Value?](#)

The Alliance supports a robust platform of health policy priorities, in part because federal and state governments are significant purchasers of health care services and play an essential role in driving value-based payment. Some recent findings highlight the degree to which government purchasers have influenced advancing value-based payment. [Read more >>](#)

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