# America's Healthcare Affordability Crisis

## Updated 100 SafeCare Hospitals Methodology

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA, May 10, 2023/SafeCareGroup.com/-- The SafeCare Group, the company that connects people with great hospitals has incorporated several updates to its 3rd Quarter 2023 hospital Star Ratings on its www.100safecarehospitals.com site.

The SafeCare Group has received spirited feedback from health care consumers, in some cases, demanding 100 SafeCare Hospitals incorporate Hospital Charges as part of it's rating methodology. This demand seems reasonable as Americans spend significantly more on medical expenses annually compared to citizens in other countries. In 2021, the average American spent nearly $13,000 on healthcare, the highest worldwide, while Europeans spent less than half that amount.

Yisrael M. Safeek, Esq. Vice Chairman of The SafeCare Group stated, "Since 2021, federal law has required hospitals to publicly post information about their standard prices and negotiated discount rates for common health services to encourage consumers to compare prices and to promote competition. As of today, hospital price transparency data currently shared by hospitals to comply with federal law are messy, inconsistent and confusing."

It is indeed challenging, if not impossible, for patients to use the data to shop and compare prices across hospitals and estimate the cost of care before going to the hospital.

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100 SafeCare Hospitals is now reporting on five hospital charges measures:
- MSPB-1 Hospital charges per patient
- PAYM-30-AMI Hospital payment for heart attack patients
- PAYM-30-HF Hospital payment for heart failure patients
- PAYM-30-PN Hospital payment for pneumonia patients
- PAYM-90-HIP-KNEE Hospital payment for hip/knee replacement patients

In addition to reporting on hospital charges, 100 SafeCare Hospitals has also listened to various stakeholders and renamed its "Complications" category "Medical Errors".

According to Dr. Safeek, "Medical errors are serious mistakes known as hospital acquired complications (HACs) that injure patients following initial hospital admission. Most commonly, these errors and the injuries accompanying them are caused by issues resulting as side effects from primary treatments and procedures. Hospitals can often prevent most medical errors by following best practices for treating patients."

100 SafeCare Hospitals is now reporting on 13 medical errors measures:

- COMP-HIP-KNEE Rate of mistakes for hip/knee replacement patients
- PSI 90-SAFETY Serious mistakes
- PSI 03 Pressure ulcer rate
- PSI 04 Deaths among patients with serious treatable mistakes after surgery
- PSI 06 Hospital acquired pneumothorax rate
- PSI 08 In-hospital fall with hip fracture rate
- PSI 09 Postoperative hemorrhage or hematoma rate
- PSI 10 Postoperative acute kidney injury requiring dialysis rate
- PSI 11 Postoperative respiratory failure rate
- PSI 12 Perioperative pulmonary embolism or deep vein thrombosis rate
- PSI 13 Postoperative sepsis rate
- PSI 14 Postoperative wound dehiscence rate
- PSI 15 Abdominopelvic accidental puncture or laceration rate

Hospitals that performed poorly on these evidence-based metrics receive a financial penalty from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the Hospital Value Based Program, Hospital Acquired Conditions Reduction Program, and Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program. The www.100safecarehospitals.com application works in tandem with The SafeCare Group's Rate A Hospital patient review application https://www.rateahospital.com/. According to Yisrael M. Safeek, MD, MBA after a patient review is posted at Rate A Hospital, the hospital's star rating generated by The SafeCare Group's proprietary formula is displayed at 100 SafeCare Hospitals site.

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You can view patient ratings at  www.rateahospital.com

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