

## DCMH receives high marks for patient safety

Delta County Memorial Hospital has received its third patient safety "A" in the past four years from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. It is one of the only hospitals on the Western Slope to receive a patient "A."

The Leapfrog Group released this spring 2016 update to the Hospital Safety Score, grading over 2,500 hospitals nation-

ally on how well they protect their patients from errors, accidents, injuries and infections. This year's patient safety score also highlights newly added patient measures showing a relationship to improved patient safety outcomes. And for the first time the score includes two new infection measures for MRSA bacteria and C. difficile.

An analysis led by Matt Austin, Ph.D. of the Armstrong Institute on Patient Safety and Qual-

ity at John Hopkins University, found that 33,439 lives could be saved each year if all hospitals had the same performance as those receiving an "A."

"Delta County Memorial Hospital is very proud of being awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group for the third time in the past four years," said CEO Jason Cleckler. "The safety score demonstrates our level of commitment and service to our patients and Delta County families."