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Marc P. Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

We have reviewed the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Hospital Performance report for 2001 and offer the following comments:

- Of the 23 patient deaths reported for the Congestive Heart Failure mortality rating, 21 were "do not resuscitate" patients at the request of the patient or family.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gray, RN, BSN
Executive Director
Office of Organizational Excellence