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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's 2001 Hospital Performance Report.

Canonsburg General Hospital is pleased that our risk-adjusted mortality rate for all of the DRG's reviewed demonstrated a rate within the expected range. DRG 138 demonstrated a higher than expected rate for short length of stay percentage. Eight of the 64 patients in this DRG were discharged sooner than expected. Medical record review revealed that three of these patients were discharged from the community hospital setting to home. Four patients were transferred to skilled care, and one was discharged home with home care. There were no quality issues identified with discharge sooner than expected.

The outcome data provided by PHC4 for the Web Version of the 2001 Hospital Performance Report also revealed risk-adjusted mortality to be within the expected range for all DRG's reviewed.

In conclusion, there were no quality of care issues revealed. Our hospital and medical staff work closely together to evaluate the care we provide our patients and we support the work of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council to share this information with the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Bensaia
President and Chief Executive Officer

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