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Dear Mr. Volavka,

As you are aware Mercy Health Partners, Scranton was not compliant for the year 2001 in reporting our data to PHC4 as required. There were a number of reasons for the non-compliance all of which have been addressed with your department. Mercy Health Partners acknowledges the importance of PHC4 to our community and is pleased to report that we are completely compliant with the 2002 data for publication in 2003.

Mercy Health Partners have contracted with your department to complete a supplemental report on a grouping of DRG's in order to provide a snap shot of data to both PHC4 and the community. That data will be made available for comparison to PHC4's Hospital Performance Report through Mercy Health Partners upon request.

We thank your department for their cooperation in the settlement of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Medical Affairs

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