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Mr. Mark P. Voravka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
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Dear Mr. Voravka:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2001 Hospital Performance Report. UPMC St. Margaret Hospital recognizes the value of PCH4, and supports the intent of the Council in publishing this information.

For the current report, UPMC St. Margaret was listed as non-compliant with data submission. Late submissions occurred due to an unforeseen abstractor turnover. We have since remedied the situation and are now complaint with data submission deadlines.

We regret any inconvenience to PCH4 incurred by our late reporting

Sincerely,

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