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Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street
Suite 400
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Jameson Memorial Hospital wishes to submit to Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council a formal comment regarding its exclusion from PHC4's *Hospital Performance Report*.

Our Hospital believes strongly in the importance of PHC4's *Hospital Performance Report*. However noncompliance in timely submission caused our hospital's data to be excluded. Requests for extensions to the deadline were accepted by PHC4 and were due to staff turnover, computer conversion causing problems and delays with discharge verification, and interface issues. Despite authorized overtime, full submissions could not be obtained by the original deadlines.

Jameson Memorial Hospital's medical and clinical staff continue to utilize Medisgroups' reports for quality review purposes' analysis and action planning, if indicated.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey L. Johnson".

Tracey, L. Johnson, RHIT, CCS
Director, Information Management Department

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cc: T. White, Chief Executive Director
D. McInio, Executive Vice-President, Chief Operations Officer
D. Perretta, Director, Quality Management Services.