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Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400,
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Dear M. Volavaka:

Thank you for the opportunity to publicly comment on the fact that data for the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital will be excluded from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Hospital Performance Report covering the period of October 2, 2001 to September 30, 2002. This exclusion is due to the fact that 12.4% of our reportable cases did not include the required severity scores.

We regret that this has occurred, and we have put in place procedures that will assure that all reportable cases will be processed in a timely manner and include the severity score.

Sincerely yours,



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Chief Financial Officer

c: Richard Freeman, CEO

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