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Joe Martin, Executive Director
PA Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
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Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2013 report.

The 2013 data shows that we were higher than expected in the category of hypotension readmissions. There were 9 readmissions compared to an expected of 1-8 cases.

All of the identified cases were reviewed. Overall, the patients were elderly with multiple co-morbidities that could cause hypotension. Many of them were on multiple medications including psychiatric meds that can lower the blood pressure, when administered, in conjunction with, blood pressure and cardiac medications.

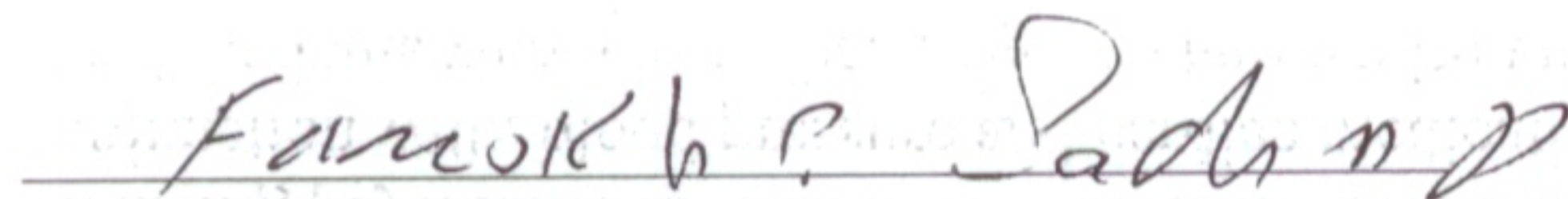
The 9 patients were either discharged to home with visiting nurse follow-up or discharged to a supervised setting.

Our discharge process includes phone calls within 48 hours of returning home and the scheduling of post-discharge PCP and Specialists appointments, as well as post-discharge diagnostic testing.

Thank you again for providing this information to us.

We are committed to providing cost-effective, quality healthcare to our patients.

Sincerely,



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