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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit UPMC Passavant's comments relative to the forthcoming 2000 CABG report. The administrative leadership of our open-heart program has reviewed the data and is pleased with the results.

According to the report, UPMC Passavant had expected outcomes in all categories, including mortality rates, readmission rates, length of stay and average charges. This reflects our continued commitment to provide quality personalized patient care while maintaining efficient medical practices.

We support the efforts of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council to educate consumers regarding treatment outcomes and related costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. Beck".

Raymond J. Beck
President & CEO