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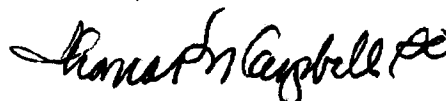
Marc Volavka
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Wyoming Valley Health Care recognizes the valuable information presented by Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council in the *Guide to Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery, 2000*. We are pleased to note our good to excellent outcomes in this report and at the same time, heed the stimulus to review our patterns of care in order to improve our performance. Our dedicated cardiac team will continue their focus on excellence in the care of our cardiac surgery patients.

Once again, we thank the council for publishing comparative data that provides all Pennsylvania hospitals with the ability to prioritize clinical conditions and commit to them our significant resources.

Sincerely,



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