



BON SECOURS - HOLY FAMILY  
REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

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Marc P. Volavka  
Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

At Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital the primary C-Section rate is only 15.9%. All Cesarean Section Cases are reviewed by the Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital Medical Staff for the clinical indications for the procedure. The goal is to provide good quality care to the mother and child. We are confident that our focus on quality of care and good outcomes is more important than a focus on numerical data. All primary Cesarean Sections were absolutely necessary for the life or health of the mothers and babies.

The Repeat Cesarean Section rate at Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital is 7.8%. 80% of the mothers who had a repeat Cesarean Section have exercised their option of freedom of choice and refused a trail of labor. The other 20% had clinical indications which precluded a trial of labor due to the risk to the mother and baby.

Sincerely,

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