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Marc P. Volavka Executive Director Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council 225 Market Street, Suite 400 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

On behalf of Health Partners I have provided, below, a comment regarding PHC4's upcoming report on diabetes. The comment applies to our two reports, one for each line of business for Medicaid and Medicare.

• Comment: HEDIS® Comprehensive Diabetes Measure was an optional measure for the reporting year of 1998 and was not reported by Health Partners. We will report it for HEDIS® 2000 (the reporting year of 1999).

Please contact me at (215) 991-4070 or by email at sfox@healthpart.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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