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Marc P. Volavka
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Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

In response to the Hospital-Acquired Infection Report CY 2006, Community Medical Center would like to follow up to the letter dated February 14, 2008. We had a conversation with Research Manager, Connie Roland, on February 26, 2008 regarding the following;

- 2006 Independent Auditor follow-up
- PHC4's data collection process
- *Infection rate per 1,000 cases* denominator standard
- Surgical site infection exclusion as hospital-acquired infection by PHC4 due to lack of a procedure code on readmission visit

This discussion provided much clarification regarding the methodology behind information reported in PHC4's second Hospital-Acquired Infection Report. I would like to thank you for the educational opportunity that this discussion provided.

We look forward to our continued relationship involving the collection and reporting of data regarding hospital-acquired infections. With this clearer knowledge, Community Medical Center is even better able to support The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's efforts to provide hospital data to improve patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Barbara Bossi'.

Barbara Bossi
Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services

cc: Connie Roland