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Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC<sub>4</sub>) 225 Market Street, Suite 400 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Attn: Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director FAX #717.232.6787

Re: PAF1590 St. Agnes Medical Center

DRG323 Urinary Stones including Lithotripsy, Complicated Comment Mortality Rating Significantly Higher than Expected

This particular mortality rating involves one patient who expired out of 21 patients within this DRG. This patient was a 78 year-old admitted with urosepsis. He had an extensive cardiovascular medical history, including recent coronary artery bypass surgery. Urology consult was ordered, along with treatment involving intravenous antibiotics and hydration. On hospital day #2, he suffered a cardiac arrest and expired.

Sincerely,

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