


Albert Einstein Healthcare Network

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

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Thank you for the opportunity to publicly comment on the fact that Albert Einstein Medical Center will be excluded from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Hospital Performance Report covering the period of October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.

Our comments are listed below:

We are always happy to share our results and have prided ourselves in timely submission of Atlas data to PHC4. However, after the purchase of Elkins Park Hospital from Tenet Health in November 2003, we were unable to make the required submission timeframe due to the complexities associated with utilizing two different information systems. We regret that this occurred and are happy to report that subsequent to the 1st quarter 2004, all submission due dates have been met. We do not anticipate future problems.

Sincerely,



A. Susan Bernini
Chief Operating Officer