



September 18, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Volavka,

Medical professionals at Carlisle Regional Medical Center reviewed the records for the patients who had outcomes in this report and determined that appropriate care was provided. Our determination was based on the overall contributing factors in each case, such as very advanced age, severity of illness at the time of admission, probability of death at the time of the procedure and other serious health factors combined with reasons for admission, and in some cases readmission.

The report is one of several measures we can use to review any areas that might be areas of concern; however in these particular cases, after studying each situation, we found there were no concerns for the quality of care provided. High quality care continues to be a priority at Carlisle Regional Medical Center. Our physicians, nursing staff, other clinicians and hospital leadership are committed to high quality of care on behalf of our patients and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Staggs', written over a horizontal line.

Nathan Staggs
Interim Chief Executive Officer