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

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Regarding the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's (PHC4) recently published *FFY 2006 Hospital Performance Report* on common medical procedures and treatments, Moses Taylor Hospital received Mortality Ratings as expected in all areas and one rating significantly lower than expected for the condition of Respiratory Failure with Mechanical Ventilation.

The positive trend over the last few PHC4 reports shows that Moses Taylor Hospital has taken action on a number of issues and we have improved upon our internal processes. As we continue to improve, we will hopefully see even more indication that mortality is being significantly lowered in more conditions. As part of this endeavor, we welcome the PHC4 data provided as another tool in our effort to continually improve the quality of care we deliver.

Sincerely,

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