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David H. Wilderman, Acting Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
225 Market St., Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Wilderman:

Allegheny General Hospital would like to thank the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for the invitation to review and comment on the results of the Federal Fiscal Year 2007, Hospital Performance Report. We recognize and support the value of transparency in publicly reporting such outcomes.

Through our continuous effort to improve performance, we utilize this information in conjunction with additional sources of outcomes data to monitor and improve the quality of our patient care. Allegheny General Hospital is steadfastly committed to providing a patient care experience that is both safe and of the highest level of quality. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the council on future initiatives.

Sincerely,

Connie M. Cibrone,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Sharon Kiely, M.D.  
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cc: Dan Laurent, Director of System Media Relations  
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