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David H. Wilderman
Active Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Wilderman,

On behalf of Easton Hospital, we would like to thank the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2007 Hospital Performance Report.

Despite imperfections related to the age of the data and sample size limitations, the report is a valuable addition to the body of outcomes information we use to prioritize elements of our comprehensive quality improvement program.

It is our belief that transparency in healthcare quality and outcomes allows consumers to make more informed choices while facilitating our ability to continue to deliver the highest standards of care. We appreciate the contribution being made by the Council and look forward to further benefits as this initiative continues.

Sincerely yours,

MaryEllen French
Vice President
Quality Improvement