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September 18, 2008

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

Re; Ohio Valley General Hospital – PAF 1390

Dear Mr. Wilderman,

Ohio Valley General Hospital's significantly higher mortality rating, in the category of intestinal obstruction, encompassed four deaths. Three of the four (75%) reported deaths were due to cardiac arrest and not directly related to intestinal obstruction.

Readmission rates, falling in the significantly higher range, included the diagnoses of Diabetes and Acute Kidney Failure. Of the fourteen reported readmissions, related to Diabetes, four (35%) were not readmitted to Ohio Valley. Of the ten that were readmissions to Ohio Valley 40% were, in fact, related to Diabetes or complications from Diabetes, and 60% were not. Of the thirteen reported readmissions, related to Acute Kidney Failure, seven (54%) were not readmitted to Ohio Valley. Of the six that were readmitted to Ohio Valley 50% were, in fact, related to Acute Kidney Failure and 50% were not.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to reply and comment to the PHC4 Hospital Performance Report.

Sincerely,



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