



September 18, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Wilderman:

The comments below are with regard to the **PHC4: Hospital Performance Report – Outcome Data: October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.**

Data outcomes representing Windber Medical Center indicated that 7 of the 35 Conditions included in the report were categorized as outliers due to high patient mortality rates. Of the mortalities occurring within these 7 Conditions, every patient was either a Palliative Care patient or a patient with a DNR status.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully,


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cc: F. Nicholas Jacobs, President & CEO