



Abington Memorial Hospital

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Reference: FFY 2008 Hospital Performance Report

Please accept the following formal comment regarding 2008 Abington Memorial Hospital data, to be included with your formal reporting to the public.

Formal Comment:

On advice of counsel, Abington Memorial Hospital did not submit data to PHC4 between the date on which it sunset (July of 2008) and the date on which the General Assembly re-authorized the agency (June of 2009). Specifically, during this period, the PHC4 was not authorized to receive protected health information without authorization from specific patients. Therefore, Abington Memorial Hospital was following HIPAA mandates by not submitting the data to PHC4 during this period.

Regards,



Richard L. Jones, Jr.