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Dear Mr. Wilderman:

Community Medical Center would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's PHC4 data on discharges from October 2006 through September 2007. We support the work of the Council and utilize this information along with other sources to improve quality and service to our patient.

The results, as outlined in the Performance Report, indicate Community Medical Center's performance meets or exceeds the standards when compared to other facilities. We do however wish to comment the areas identified as having other than expected LOS, Readmission and Mortality.

- Abnormal Heartbeat
- Angioplasty/Stent
- Kidney Failure-Acute

It was determined upon review that in the majority of these cases a longer LOS was due to age, co-morbid conditions and patients requiring post acute placement. With respect to Kidney Failure a shorter LOS was due to patients transferring to more appropriate levels of care.

- Kidney Failure-Acute
- Respiratory Failure without Mechanical Ventilation

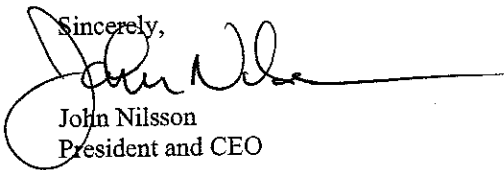
It was determined upon review that in the majority of these cases for both these conditions the second admission was not a complication of the first admission.

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

It was determined upon review of the mortalities it was determined that appropriate care was provided.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on our hospital's performance data.

Sincerely,


John Nilsson
President and CEO