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Marc P. Volavka
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Chestnut Hill Hospital has been identified as noncompliant with reporting data to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (HC4). This is based on missing severity data for 1998.

Chestnut Hill Hospital is committed to meeting all requirements for the HC4 reporting process. We were unaware that we were noncompliant. Upon investigation, we learned that some of our records did not transfer to the Atlas Reporter and, therefore, were not exported to Cardinal Information Corporation. We have corrected the problem for 1998 and 1999 data. Unfortunately, this correction did not happen in time to permit Chestnut Hill's data to be included in the 1998 Hospital Performance Report.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond, and be assured that we continue to be committed to meeting all requirements for the HC4 reporting process.

Sincerely,

Cary F. Leptuck
President and
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