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Mr. Marc P. Volanka  
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Dear Mr. Volanka:

It has come to my attention that the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital -- Tenet is considered non-compliant for HC4 data submissions in 1998. During that time, the hospital was owned by Allegheny Health Education Research Foundation. Tenet, the new owners of the facility, were not able to submit data for 1998 as they did not own the facility until November 11, 1998 and did not have the data to submit. Please indicate on any of your reports that Tenet purchased Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital in 1998 and does not have complete data for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 1998.

Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital - Tenet has had difficulties meeting the reporting deadlines for 1999. The new facility management is committed to submitting this data on time but due to the bankruptcy of Allegheny Health Education Research Foundation had a difficult time collecting the appropriate data during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 1999. The new management did later submit this data, however, it was rejected due to the timeliness of submission of the data. In addition Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital -- Tenet also experienced data errors greater than 25% due to data corruption. We are in the process of correcting those issues.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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