

December 1, 1999

Ms. Jayne L. Jones
Director of Research, Development and Data Collection
PA Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, STE 400
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Jones,

As the President and CEO of Forbes Regional Hospital, a member of the West Penn Allegheny Healthcare System, I applaud the efforts of the PHC4 initiative. As an institution, we have always been diligent in the submission of our data in a timely manner.

However, due to computer problems, the original data submitted for the first quarter of 1998 was flawed. In an attempt to correct the data, we were subsequently noncompliant for the submission. Processes have been implemented to prevent future occurrences.

Sincerely,



Barry H. Roth
President & CEO
Forbes Regional Hospital