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Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom It May Concern:

- 1) Please consider the use of a "flat" file for submission of lab data to the Council.
- 2) If we were to submit lab data directly to PHC4 or through a third party vendor, we would still need the capability for creating severity adjusted reports (which we use for internal reporting within the hospital) from the Atlas Database.
- 3) In regards to electronically downloading selected lab data for submission to PHC4, we would not have the ability to filter out the DRGs (that are required for PHC4 abstracting) as well as the "worst lab value" from our current Laboratory Database.

Sincerely,

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