



February 19, 2008

Marc. P. Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

In review of the report of Hospital Acquired Infection Data for Calendar Year 2006, it was identified that Brandywine Hospital reported all urinary tract infections instead of those that were hospital acquired as stated in the criteria. This resulted in a total of 23 additional cases reported that were not hospital acquired. Brandywine Hospital reported 22 more pneumonia cases and 11 more GI cases than that which met criteria. Surgical Site infections were over reported by a total of 4 cases.

For these reasons, Brandywine Hospital is reported as being above the Peer Group and the statewide data. If the reduced numbers are used, we would be below the peer group and the state rate for hospital acquired infections.

Brandywine Hospital's Infection Control Program is a coordinated process with the goal of reducing hospital acquired infections. Our plan is assessed annually and determines goals for the year based on this evaluation. We have a multidisciplinary approach to preventing and controlling hospital acquired infections.

We are committed to providing the best care to our patients and I appreciate the opportunity to respond from the facility level.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Benz
Chief Executive Officer