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February 22, 2008

Marc P. Volavka
Executive Director
PA Health Care Containment Council
225 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Following further review of our submission letter to you regarding the published report on hospital-acquired infections, we found that we were grammatically incorrect with one of our statements.

Please find enclosed a revised letter which better explains our position. The initial actions and graphs have not been revised.

We thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Timcho
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Mr. Volavka:

After only the second published report on hospital-acquired infections, the evidence is clear that public reporting of hospital quality data is making hospitals safer.

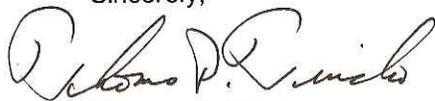
At Jefferson Regional Medical Center the focus of our Board of Directors, our physician champions and our health care workers is on preventing infections. Examples of the strategies in place to decrease all hospital acquired infections at Jefferson Regional Medical Center and the results of these strategies are noted on the attachment to this letter.

As an example, in the first two quarters of calendar year 2007, our most current reported data, the infection rate for knee replacement surgery was 0.4%. That means 99.6% of patients who choose Jefferson Regional for total knee replacement surgery develop zero surgical site infections. We continue to strive to achieve zero infections across all categories.

According to PHC4 and our data, the overall infection rates at Jefferson Regional Medical Center have gone down from 2.87% in 2005 to 2.35% in the fourth quarter of 2006 and less than 2% in the first two quarters of 2007.

Even though the most recently published report does not portray our current levels of performance, the improvements we have made and continue to make result in lower infection rates. Our lower costs, lower mortality rates and shorter hospital stays are all categories in which Jefferson Regional Medical Center is outperforming its peers according to PHC4's data.

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