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Mark P. Volavka, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
225 Market Street, Suite 400  
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RE: Hospital Performance Report Formal Comments

To the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council,

The following are comments regarding the Hospital Performance Report for the time period October 1, 2002 – September 30, 2003:

1. Data with less than 30 cases should either not be published or placed in a special category identifying a lack of statistical validity with small numbers.
2. Aggregating low volume data over several years may reduce wide variances seen with low volume hospitals.
3. What are the comparative risk adjusted readmission rates for same DRG and other DRG?

Sincerely,

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cc: David Acker, CEO