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Mr. Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

On review of the 2002 PHC4 Hospital Performance Report, Hamot Medical Center submits the following comments:

In the care of patients with non-hemorrhagic stroke, Hamot Medical Center achieved a mortality rate of 2.1% versus an expected mortality rate of 6.8%. The mortality rate reported for Western Pennsylvania was 6.7% and the Statewide mortality rate was 6.5%. Hamot's performance was superior to expected outcomes for this therapeutic subgroup on a statistically significant level, as demonstrated by a P-value of 0.0043.

Please contact Jim Donnelly, RN, Chief Quality Officer at (814) 877-4143 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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