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Re: Centinela Hospital Medical Center (CHMC)
Mortality Report—Craniotomy and Carotid Endarterectomy

Dear Dr. Holliday-Hanson:

We have reviewed the data of California Hospital Risk-Adjusted Mortality Rates and Quality Ratings for Inpatient Mortality Indicators Report 2010-2011 and have performed a retrospective review of 9 mortalities for 2010 and 11 mortalities for 2011. After careful review we have identified the following:

For 2010:

- 2 of 9 cases were greater than age 70 and had multi-system organ failure.
- 9 of 9 cases suffered from intracranial bleed pre-hospital.
- 5 of 9 cases suffered fall and subsequent bleed pre-hospital.
- 2 of 9 cases were transfer from other acute care hospital with intracranial bleed and low GCS.
- In 2010 Centinela Hospital Medical Center's mortality rate in areas such as Abdominal Aortic Aneurism Repair, Percutaneous Coronary Prevention, Heart Failure, Acute Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage, Hip Fracture, and Pneumonia fell below the statewide mortality rate—earning a quality rating of “*Better*” in three categories and a score of “zero” mortality in two categories.

For 2011:

- 7 of 11 cases were greater than age 70 and had multi-system organ failure and or multiple comorbidities.
- 3 of 11 cases had intracranial bleed due to pre-hospital fall.
- 2 of 11 cases suffered from a pre-hospital hemorrhagic stroke and or tumor.
- In 2011 Centinela Hospital Medical Center's mortality rate in Abdominal Aortic Aneurism Repair, Percutaneous Coronary Prevention, Acute Myocardial Infarction, Heart failure, Stroke, Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage, Hip Fracture, and Pneumonia fell below the statewide mortality rates—earning a quality rating of “*Better*” in three categories.

Furthermore, we routinely review all mortalities at Centinela Hospital Medical Center. Our findings indicate that no mortality related to Craniotomy or Carotid Endarterectomy was as a result of the



procedure but in spite of the procedure. All of the patients reviewed were critically ill and in spite of all interventions succumbed to their illness.

We support the State's efforts to improve the quality of care provided to patients that are admitted and treated at Centinela Hospital Medical Center. We recognize the state's obligation to keep the public informed about its efforts.

In summary, Centinela Hospital Medical Center believes that we provide high quality care to the community that we serve. We continually look for opportunities to improve the services that we provide and we want our patients and our community to know how proud we are to serve their healthcare needs.

Respectfully,

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