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Dear Ms. Holliday-Hanson,

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the publicly-reported Hospital Inpatient Mortality Indicators for 2008 and 2009. We would appreciate that the following information be attached to our data for review by interested parties.

In 2008, San Dimas Community Hospital is better than the Statewide Mortality average on 6 out of 7 quality indicators for patients who died due to Congestive Heart Failure, Acute Stroke, GI Hemorrhage, Hip Fracture, Pneumonia and Carotid Endarterectomy. There were 9 of 32 patients who died from Acute Myocardial Infarction which brings our risk adjusted mortality rate above the statewide average to 17.9. In reviewing the data, this rate is primarily due to the low number of cases that were treated at the hospital. The rate for patients who died due to Acute Myocardial Infarction improved significantly from 17.9 in 2008 to 7.4 in 2009.

In 2009, San Dimas Community Hospital continues to be significantly better than the Statewide Mortality average for patients who died from Congestive Heart Failure, Acute Stroke, GI Hemorrhage, Pneumonia and Carotid Endarterectomy. Only 1 of 35 patients died due to Hip Fracture in 2009 which caused our risk adjusted mortality rate to be slightly above the statewide average of 3.5.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to give comments about this data. Anyone who has questions is encouraged to call the Administrative Office at San Dimas Community Hospital.

Sincerely,

John Rossfeld
Chief Executive Officer