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VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Paul Matey, Senior Vice President
General Counsel and Secretary
University Hospital
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Re: Reports required pursuant to the
Directed Plan of Correction

Dear Mr. Matey:

By letter of October 13, 2016, the Department of Health ("the Department") issued a Notice of Assessment of Penalties and Directed Plan of Correction ("DPOC") against University Hospital ("UH"). The DPOC was based on complaint surveys conducted by the Department on June 17, 2015, August 17, 2015, March 22, 2016, June 22, 2016, and September 23, 2016, which identified deficiencies in the hospital's practices and procedures associated with five elopements that occurred in 2015 and 2016 (collectively "the Elopements"). The DPOC required UH to retain the services of a security consultant to conduct an initial risk assessment related to the Elopements and to "submit weekly progress reports to the Department detailing the status and remediation of UH's security deficiencies."

On December 5, 2017, staff of the Department met with representatives of UH to discuss issues related to the hospital's reporting of measures to remedy the deficiencies regarding the incidents that occurred in 2015 and 2016.

As a result of this discussion, the Department is amending and clarifying the DPOC reporting requirement, as follows:

1. The weekly report is changed to a monthly report.
2. The first monthly report is due on January 2, 2018.
3. The monthly report shall describe the hospital's efforts to remediate the deficiencies cited in connection with the Elopements. The report should include the development and implementation of written policies and procedures for nursing care services that guide nursing practices that are

pertinent to the incidents and deficiencies cited in connection with the Elopements. The failure to implement such policies as required by N.J.A.C. 8:43G-18.2(a) contributed to circumstances that permitted the cited incidents to occur.

4. The reports should address only the deficiencies cited in connection with the Elopements, and not other issues identified and addressed by your consultant.
5. Depending on the content and clarity of the report due on January 2, 2018, the Department may determine to continue the reporting requirement on a monthly or quarterly basis, or may determine that further reports are not needed.

Should you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (609) 633-9034.

Sincerely yours,



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