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Dear Mr. Betlach:

On behalf of Payson Regional Medical Center (PRMC), I appreciate this opportunity to share our feedback regarding the potential changes in the methodology for the 2015 Hospital Assessment.

We believe it is too early in the assessment program to make major changes without solid data to demonstrate the need for change. Although PRMC may appear to benefit under Option 3, any type of analysis done this early in the process and with too many unknowns would lack the high degree of accuracy we think is required before such a decision is made. We respectfully request the current baseline version 1 assessment model be continued in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this matter. We appreciate the work AHCCCS does to bring healthcare coverage to our community and look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Elmer Hyde, ICEO