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Re: In re Pascack Valley Hospital Association Inc.
Chapter 11 Case No.: 0723686

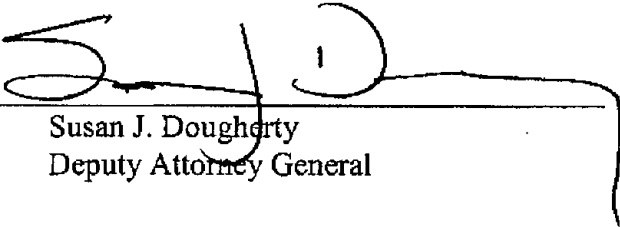
Dear Mitchell:

This letter responds to your inquiry regarding whether the Department of Health and Senior Services would be willing to submit a written report to the Bankruptcy Court regarding the quality of patient care at Pascack. The Department's focus during the closure of a hospital is on compliance with licensing regulations, which is not necessarily the same as an assessment of quality of patient care. The Department is not in a position to take on the responsibilities of a patient care ombudsman under the Bankruptcy Code.

Sincerely yours,

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