



Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

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The Honorable

Dear Senator

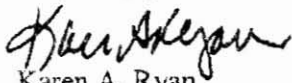
I am in receipt of your letter dated October 19, 2005 to Marlene Korso at the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations regarding _____ Hospital in _____, Kentucky.

It is my understanding from your correspondence that you seek a copy of the accreditation report for _____ Hospital. Unfortunately, the Joint Commission is unable to provide you with a copy of the accreditation report. The Joint Commission has an obligation to its accredited organizations to keep accreditation related information confidential, including the accreditation report.

I urge you to consult *Quality Check*® on the Joint Commission's website. *Quality Check*® is an on-line tool whereby third parties may access information about a particular health care organization. The Quality Report contains the following information: the date of the most recent survey; an organization's current accreditation decision; the date of the most recent evaluation activity for the organization; the standards area with requirements for improvement; subsequent satisfaction of requirements for improvement and the date(s) of resolution for specific standards areas; and Joint Commission policy and/or rules that led to a decision of Preliminary Denial of Accreditation or Denial of Accreditation. *Quality Check*® can be accessed by the following link:
<http://www.jcaho.org/quality+check/index.htm>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance as you utilize this information.

Very truly yours,



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