



Robert C. Garrett
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Vikram Krishnasamy, M.D., M.P.H.
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1600 20th St. NW
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Re: Life Line Screenings

Dear Dr. Krishnasamy:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 19th regarding our partnership with Lifeline Screenings. Please be advised that prior to the receipt of your letter HackensackUMC at Pascack Valley had terminated their arrangement and the termination of the contract with Palisades Medial Center was in process.

Hackensack University Health Network takes pride in our relationships with the communities that we serve and health screenings are an integral part of our management of population health. Screenings are essential to identifying individuals with chronic conditions and previously undiagnosed disease, however we support your concern that no patient should receive a service that is not medically necessary.

Please contact my office if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert C. Garrett'.

Robert C. Garrett
President and Chief Executive Officer, Hackensack University Health Network

c/ Mark Sparta, Acting CEO, HackensackUMC at Pascack Valley
Bruce J. Markowitz, President and CEO, Palisades Medical Center