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Steve Hill, Chair  
Bree Collaborative  
705 Second Avenue, Suite 410  
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Dear Mr. Hill:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

Thank you and the Bree Collaborative for the *Potentially Avoidable Hospital Readmissions Report and Recommendations*. Per Bree legislation I directed my staff to conduct an interagency review of the readmissions work recommendations. The medical directors of the Department of Labor and Industries and the Health Care Authority (HCA) reviewed the report and endorse this work and these recommendations from the Bree Collaborative.

HCA will work to adopt the recommended hospital-specific in state programs beyond Medicaid, where it is currently a requirement per the Medicaid Quality Incentive to track specific actions following hospital discharges for patients with certain conditions. There may be opportunities to implement similar requirements in the Public Employees Benefits programs. Internally and through the Bree Implementation Team we hope to identify strategies to encourage broader use of the Washington Hospital Association *Care Transitions Toolkit*.

I continue to be inspired by the work of the Bree Collaborative and the efforts of staff from the Foundation for Healthcare Quality and the state agencies. HCA will continue to work closely with the Bree Implementation Team to enhance implementation and dissemination opportunities for these recommendations.

Should you have any questions for concerns, please contact me by telephone at 360-725-1523 or via email at [dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov](mailto:dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy".

Dorothy F. Teeter, MHA  
Director