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January 26, 2004

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Labor, Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
2000 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Olean General Hospital Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Secretary Chao:

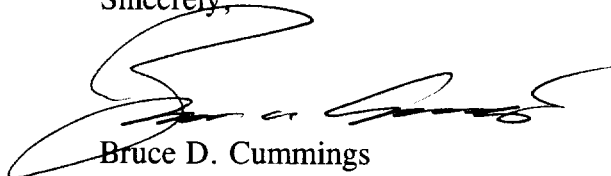
Pursuant to Section 2520.104-23 of the Department of Labor's Regulations, this letter will serve as notice that, with respect to the Olean General Hospital Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), the undersigned intends to utilize the alternative form of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which alternative form of compliance is provided in the aforesaid Regulations Section.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b), the following information is provided:

1. Name and Address of Employer -
Olean General Hospital
515 Main St.
Olean, New York 14760
2. Employer's Employer Identification Number 16-0743102
3. The Employer hereby declares that it maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
4. The Employer hereby states that it maintains one plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, and the number of employees in such Plan is approximately 9.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b)(2), the Employer will provide Plan documents, if any, to the Secretary of Labor upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Cummings", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Bruce D. Cummings
President and CEO

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