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| Re: | Saint Joseph Community Hospital, PRRB Decision No. 2005-D71 (09/29/2005) |
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|     | (FYEs 12/31/1998 and 12/31/1999)                                         |

I recommend that the Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, decline to review the decision entered by the Provider Reimbursement Review Board in this case.

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APPROVED:

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