



- b. the requirement that the Commission's Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain statements of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
  - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
  - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
5. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue its Complaint and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts this Consent Agreement for public comment.
6. Not later than thirty (30) days after the date this Consent Agreement is signed by the Proposed Respondents, the Proposed Respondents shall submit initial compliance reports, pursuant to Section 2.33 of the Commission's Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33, and, thereafter, shall submit subsequent compliance reports every thirty (30) days until the Decision and Order becomes final. Each compliance report shall set forth in detail the manner in which the Proposed Respondents have complied, are complying, and will comply with the Consent Agreement and the Decision and Order. The Proposed Respondents shall provide sufficient information and documentation to enable the Commission to determine independently whether the Proposed Respondents are in compliance with the Consent Agreement and the Decision and Order.
7. Each report submitted pursuant to Paragraph 6 above shall be verified by a notarized signature or self-verified in a manner set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1746. Section 2.41(a) of the Commission's Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.41, requires that an original and two copies of all compliance reports be filed with the Commission. The Proposed Respondents shall file an original report and one copy with the Secretary of the Commission, and shall send at least one copy directly to the Bureau of Competition's Compliance Division.
8. This Consent Agreement, and any reports filed pursuant to this Consent Agreement, shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until the Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission. If accepted by the Commission, this Consent Agreement, together with the draft Complaint, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify each Proposed Respondent, in which event the Commission will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue or amend its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and issue its Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
9. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft

of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

10. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, the Commission may (a) issue and serve its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft Complaint here attached; (b) issue and serve its Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets; and (c) make information public with respect thereto. If such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents, issue and serve the attached Decision and Order containing an order to divest and providing for other relief in the disposition of the proceeding.
11. When final, the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified, or set aside in the same manner and within the same time as provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets to a Proposed Respondent by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), including, without limitation, delivery to an office within the United States of the counsel for a Proposed Respondent identified on this Consent Agreement, shall constitute service. Proposed Respondents waive any rights they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any right they may otherwise have to service of any Appendices attached or incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order or Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, if Proposed Respondents are already in possession of copies of such Appendices, and agree that each is bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets to the same extent as if it had been served with copies of such Appendices.
12. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets.
13. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that they can fulfill all the terms of the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets and accomplish the full relief contemplated by the attached Decision and Order (including effectuating the required divestiture, as well as any necessary assignments or transfers) and that all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement are parties to this Consent Agreement or within the control of parties to this Consent Agreement.

14. Proposed Respondents agree that they shall interpret the Divestiture Agreement, as that term is used in the Decision and Order, in a manner that is fully consistent with all of the relevant provisions and remedial purposes of the Decision and Order.
15. Proposed Respondents have read the draft of Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets have been issued, the Proposed Respondents will be required to file one or more compliance reports setting forth in detail the manner in which they have complied, are complying, and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets.
16. Proposed Respondents agree to comply with the terms of the proposed Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets from the date such Respondent signs this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents further understand that each may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and of the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets after such Orders become final.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS,  
INC.**

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By: [President/Chief Executive Officer]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Counsel for CHS

**HEALTH MANAGEMENT  
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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By:  
[President/Chief Executive Officer]

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