

Appendix A - Letter to Cardiologist Employees

Dear Physician:

Renown Health (“Renown”) has entered into an agreement with the Federal Trade Commission to resolve allegations that its acquisitions of certain cardiology medical practices and employment of the associated physicians has or will restrict competition in violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act. Although Renown has not admitted liability or admitted that the facts alleged in the Commission’s complaint (other than jurisdictional facts) are true, it has agreed to two FTC orders containing certain terms which the Commission believes will ameliorate the competitive effects of the acquisitions.

For your convenience, Renown’s obligations under the FTC’s Orders, including the terms under which you may terminate your employment, are summarized below. These obligations are described more fully in the FTC’s Orders and its Analysis to Aid Public Comment which are both attached to this letter. **Nothing in this summary is intended to modify any of the terms of the Commission’s Orders or to provide legal advice.**

Description of the Orders: The first order (“Order to Suspend Enforcement of Renown Non-Compete” or “Order to Suspend”) establishes a period of time during which you, as a cardiologist currently employed by Renown, may explore all employment and professional opportunities in the Reno/Sparks area, whether as an employee, a member of a medical group, or in private practice. Renown cannot enforce any non-compete or non-solicitation provisions in your employment contract to interfere with your discussions during this time period. If you actually terminate your employment with Renown during this period, however, the Order to Suspend does not prohibit Renown from pursuing its contract rights.

The second order (“Decision and Order”), if accepted by the Commission after a period allowing for public comment, will allow you to terminate your employment with Renown without penalty so long as the following conditions are met:

- (1) You must submit written notice of your intention to terminate your employment with Renown to the special monitor who has been appointed for the purpose of assuring confidentiality. Contact information for the monitor is provided at the conclusion of this letter;
- (2) You must intend to continue to practice in the Reno/Sparks area for at least one year;
- (3) You must be among the first 10 physicians to submit your notice to terminate employment. Renown is not required to terminate more than 10 employment contracts. To protect the confidentiality of the doctors who want to leave, the monitor will submit to Renown no more than the first 10 notices he receives; and

- (4) You must leave employment with Renown within 60 days of Renown receiving your notice from the monitor, but you may not leave prior to the monitor delivering your notice to Renown.

Timing of the Orders: The Order to Suspend begins on August 6, 2012, and continues for at least 30 days while the Commission receives public comment on the Decision and Order and considers those comments. You may enter into discussions and negotiations for new employment during this period. If you decide during this period to terminate your employment, you may notify the special monitor so that your name will be included in the event that the Decision and Order is accepted as final. Because the Order to Suspend will continue in effect until the Commission votes to accept (or reject) the Decision and Order, the conclusion of this time period cannot be determined at this time. It will, however, not end before September 5, 2012.

If the Commission accepts and issues the Decision and Order as final, a second 30-day period (Release Period) will begin. During this period, you may begin or continue discussions and negotiations for new employment. If you decide to terminate your employment, you should notify the monitor of your intention. The monitor will forward to Renown the names of the first ten physicians who have provided notice of their desire to terminate their employment. Renown is not required to allow more than 10 physicians who have given notice to the monitor and satisfied all of the conditions described above to terminate their employment without any penalty. On the other hand, if at the end of this 30-day Release Period fewer than six doctors have notified the monitor of their intent to terminate employment, the period in which cardiologists may continue to explore other employment opportunities and leave Renown's employment without penalty will remain open. This period will continue to remain open until six (rather than 10) cardiologists have terminated their employment with Renown.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Orders do not *require* any doctor to terminate employment with Renown or to work for any other entity.
- The Orders do not *require* Renown to fire any doctors. However, the Orders also do not prohibit Renown from negotiating with a doctor regarding a mutual agreement for that physician's employment to be terminated.
- The Orders prohibit Renown from enforcing any non-compete or non-solicitation provisions in any contract, pursuing any breach of contract action, or taking any retaliatory action against any physician who either terminated his or her employment under the terms of the Orders or who sought new employment as allowed by the Orders but decided not to leave.
- If you terminate your employment at times or under terms not described in the Decision and Order, the Decision and Order does not prohibit Renown from pursuing its contract rights.

- Renown may be required to provide you with transitional assistance if you terminate employment to practice as an independent physician (rather than as an employee of another entity) in the Reno/Sparks area. Please review the proposed Decision and Order and your employment agreement with Renown (or contact the monitor) to determine whether these transitional services are available to you.
- If six or more physicians have terminated their employment with Renown by the end of the Release Period, Renown may pursue its legal remedies against any employee who *subsequently* terminates employment with Renown in violation of that employee's contract.

If you have questions about the information contained in this letter or in the Analysis to Aid Public Comment, including questions regarding timing or implementation of the Orders, please contact the monitor, Judge Charles McGee at (775) 823-9975, or FTC's Bureau of Competition's Compliance Division at (202) 326-2031.

Written notifications of intent to terminate employment should be provided to:

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