



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
DENVER REGIONAL OFFICE

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Dear Mr. Magielnicki,

The Commission has conducted an investigation involving Mercy Hospital's possible violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Clayton Act through the acquisition of, and vertical integration with, various physicians and physician practices.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claude C. Wild III", is positioned above the typed name.

Claude C. Wild III
Regional Director