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## VIA TELECOPIER AND FEDERAL EXPRESS .

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RE: Formation of

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Dear Patrick:

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This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of March 26/ 1992 wherein I requested the Federal Trade (Commission's) concurrence in the analysis of the above-referenced formation of and acquisition of under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 ("HSR") and further requested that be permitted to make only one filing with respect to the formation of and acquisition of You requested that I reduce my request to writing and the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") would respond in 48 hours or so, as its work-load permits. References herein to sections refer to the corresponding section of the rules promulgated by the FTC under the HSR (the "HSR Rules").

is engaged in interstate commerce and provides mental health and substance abuse utilization review and care management services. It was formed in 1990 as a whollyowned subsidiary of has total assets in excess of \$10 million as shown on its last regularly prepared balance sheet dated February 28, 1993 (total assets of approximately million) and annual net sales in excess of \$25 million for its fiscal year Patrick Sharpe, Esquire April 2, 1993 Page 2.

, voting Stock

ended December 31, 1992.

consist entirely of one class of common stock (par value, \$.01 per share) with 10,000 shares presently issued and outstanding (each such share is herein referred to as a "Share"). 8,000 Shares are issued in the name of and 2,000 Shares are issued in the name of the shares are neither listed on a national securities exchange nor authorized to be quoted in any interdealer quotation system. Spurchased its Shares in 1992 for million in cash in a transaction not subject to reporting under HSR as did not at that time have \$10 million in total assets and the value of the Shares acquired did not then exceed \$15 million. Of course, that purchase also qualified for the small transaction exemption set forth in Sec. 802.20.

has agreed to sell its 8,000 Shares to corporation organized by and and pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement dated as or being formed for the sole purpose of acquiring the pursuant to that certain is proposed to be capitalized by cash equity contribution and possible loan aggregating approximately shareholder million or less and cash equity contribution and possible loan aggregating approximately million or less.

will control and be its ultimate parent entity. immediately subsequent to its capitalization, will purchase 8,000 Shares for cash of million and non-interest bearing promissory note in the amount of million, guaranteed severally in equal shares by each of This results in a value of the acquisition of 8,000 Shares, calculated in accordance with Sec. 801.10(a)(2)(i), of million (the sum of the in cash and million promissory note) or \$4,900 per Share. Accordingly, the value of the acquisition by the ultimate parent entity of of all the Shares, calculated pursuant to Secs. 801.10(a)(2)(i) and 801.10(c)(3), will be million (the sum of million and million calculated as stated in the next paragraph) and the value of the total assets held by million (the combined value of the cash to be contributed by each management and million, and the and million, and promissory note guaranteed by face value of the and | million).

to after the closing of the acquisition of the 8,000 Shares. anticipates that the fair market value of that proposed contribution to be million (2,000 Shares at

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per Share). If such Shares are included in the value of the total assets of at closing on the acquisition of the Shares, its total assets, calculated in accordance with Sec. million (the combined value of the 2,000 801.40(c), will be million, the value of the 8,000 Shares contributed by from million, and the Shares purchased by face value of promissory note guaranteed by and million). Of course, the value of voting securities will still be only million after subtracting from its total assets the million liability to will issue 7,000 shares of its common stock, 5,000 to 2,000 to which will constitute all of issued and outstanding voting securities.

Each of serious and series a non-stock, non-profit corporation, and series a incorporated under the Each of series and series and series and annual net sales in excess of \$100 million and each is engaged in interstate commerce, primarily in the business of providing health insurance and related services.

- Our analysis of the application of the HSR Rules to and is as follows:
  - 1. Pursuant to Sec. 801.41 is required to file in connection with the formation of as each of and the has total assets and annual net sales in excess of \$100 million and will have total assets in excess of \$10 million.
  - 2. is exempt from filing as an acquired person with respect to its own formation by reason of Sec. 802.41.
  - acquisition of the 8,000 Shares from as will be deemed pursuant to Sec. 801.13 to hold all 10.000 of Shares (with a value of as a result of the acquisition. Of course, will have no filing obligation in connection with that acquisition as it will not control

The purpose of this letter is to request (i) the FTC's concurrence in the above analysis and (ii) that be permitted to make only one filing in connection with these transactions.

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We submit that there is little reason to require to make two separate filings. The formation of the state is merely one step in a single unitary transaction having no independent economic effect at all apart from the underlying acquisition of Shares.

connection with either the formation of the content of the solution of the 8,000 Shares from the basis that its involvement in both transactions qualifies for the Sec. 802.20 small transaction exemption.

Accordingly, we hereby request that the be required to one make only one filing in connection with the within described transactions, as full limits acquisition of the 8,000 Shares from fee S

Should you have any questions or desire any further information, please do not hesitate to call me at the above-referenced number.

Very truly yours,

Called 4-6-93.
Two Filing Fees are required for this transaction

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RS concurs