

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

NICKLES GROUP

2. Address:

601 13TH ST NW #250N, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

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Senate ID #: 293335-113

House ID #:

7. Client Name: Self

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSN

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity:

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000): 120,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): _____

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
 Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
 Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSN

LOBBYING ACTIVITY

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Medicare reimbursement issues.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIR.

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIR.

Name: WILD, BRIAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EXEC. OFFICE OF THE VP, ASST. FOR LEG. AFF.

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Limited Service Hospitals; Transparency; Hospital Reimbursement.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

Executive Office of the President (EOP)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIR.

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: SAVARY TAYLOR, MARY BETH

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: WILD, BRIAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EXEC. OFFICE OF THE VP, ASST. FOR LEG. AFF.

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Not-for-profit status of hospitals; S. 1953, National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee / H.R. 2830, Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005; H.R. 4, Pension Protection Act of 2006; all issues related to Type III supporting organizations.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

Treasury, Dept of

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HENSLER, RACHEL JONES

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIR.

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: SAVARY TAYLOR, MARY BETH

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: WILD, BRIAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EXEC. OFFICE OF THE VP, DPTY. ASST FOR LEG AFF.

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: PAMELA FLEMING, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR -