

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**MERITCARE HEALTH SYSTEM**

2. Address:

720 4TH ST NORTH, FARGO, ND 58122

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

4. Contact Name: SUSAN R. BOSAK

Telephone: 701-234-6332

E-mail (optional): susanbosak@meritcare.com

Senate ID #: 285858-12

House ID #: 36940000

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2002 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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: MERITCARE HEALTH SYSTEM Client Name: Self

### 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: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 3487-Nurse Reinvestment Act. Providing more options for nursing professionals.

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: BOSAK, SUSAN R.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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:

HR 4954: Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002. Establishing a medicare prescription drug benefit and offering qualified prescription drug coverage under the Medicare+Choice program. Increased Medicaid funding. HR 1609: To offer national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the Medicare Program. Increased incentives under Medicare.

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SENATE

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

Name: BOSAK, SUSAN R.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 29, 2004

Printed Name and Title: SUSAN R. BOSAK - PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER