

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC

2. Address:

601 13TH ST., NW SUITE 250 NORTH, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

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

Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

Telephone: 202-637-0214

E-mail (optional): mail@nicklesgroup.com

Senate ID #: 293335-253

House ID #: 37338012

7. Client Name: Self

MEDTRONIC

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): 100,000.00

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: THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC Client Name: MEDTRONIC

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:

S. Con. Res 83; Deficit Reduction Act

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

US Senate

US House of Representatives

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 DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

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

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

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Drug Safety and Innovation Act of 2006; Health Information Technology

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

US House of Representatives

US 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 DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

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

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: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Medicare reimbursement issues; Inpatient Perspective Payment System issues; Outpatient Perspective Payment System issues;
Medical device technology issues

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

US House of Representatives

US Senate

US Department of Health and Human Services

US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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 DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

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

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:

S. 2020 - Tax Relief Act of 2005 / H.R. 4297 - Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005; S. 1953 - National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act of 2005 / H.R. 2830 - Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005

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

US Senate

US House of Representatives

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 DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

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

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): US SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: NICKLES, DON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): US SENATOR

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Pamela Fleming, Administrative Director -

Registrant Name: THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC Client Name: MEDTRONIC

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20):

Country: USA

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

TRD

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: PAMELA FLEMING, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR -