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LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20036			
4. Contact Name Jorge Lopez, Jr.	Telephone 202-887-4000	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID 682-2
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self St. Barnabas Health Care System			6. House ID 31784

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 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

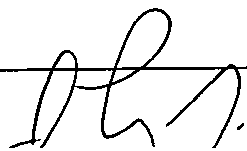
10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇔ Termination Date _____

11. No Lobbying Activities

INCOME OR EXPENSES – Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇔ \$ <u>40,000</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇔ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of method.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6013(b)(2) Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e)(2)(B) Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature



Date August 14, 2003

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title Jorge Lopez, Jr. – Partner

LD-2 (REV. 6/98)

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Registrant Name Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. Client Name St. Barnabas Health Care system

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Medicare payment for disproportionate share patients; Medicare payment for depreciation expenses; Medicare reimbursement for outlier cases; other Medicare payment issues (H.R. 1, S. 1)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal Agencies contacted

Check if None

- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Senate
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Jorge Lopez, Jr.	-----
David B. Palmer	-----
Barney J. Skladany	-----

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

Check if None

Signature  Date August 14, 200

