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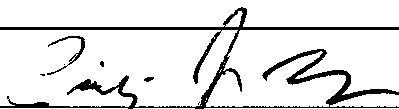
Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) -All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Latham & Watkins			
2. Registrant Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 555 11th Street, N.W. Suite 1000 City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20004 USA			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name Edward Correia		Telephone (202) 637-2200	E-mail (optional) _____
5. Senate ID # _____			6. House ID # _____
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self HCA, Inc.			_____

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30) **OR** Year End (July 1-De9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report >> Termination Date _____11. No Lobby **INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$40,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (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).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 the Internal Revenue Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____


Date 8/16/2004

Printed Name and Title

Philip Perry - Partner

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Registrant Name: Latham & Watkins

Client Name: HCA, Inc.

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
Legal issues regarding Medicare issues.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of Health & Human Services

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Fisher, Alice	Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ
Perry, Philip	General Counsel, OMB

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

Signature  Date 8/16/2004

