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LOBBYING REPORT

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

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 # 682-21.
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self St. Barnabas Health Care System			6. House ID # 317842

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

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

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 ⇨ \$ 20,000
Income (nearest \$20,000)

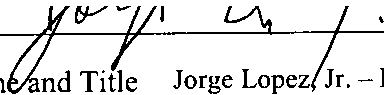
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

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 accounting method. See instructions for description of

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definition
- Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6011 Internal Revenue Code
- Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature  Date February 13, 2004

Printed Name and Title Jorge Lopez, Jr. - Partner

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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 registrant is 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; Medicare wage index; other Medicare payment issues (H.R. 1, S. 1)

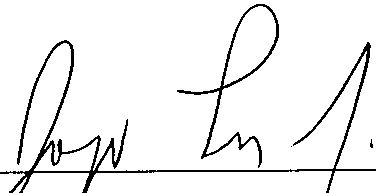
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal Agencies contacted Check if None

- 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 February 13, 200

