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DALE E. BAKER
PRESIDENT

March 5, 2003

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Untimely Filing of LD-2 for Year End 2002 Reports

Dear Secretary:

Baker Healthcare Consulting, Inc. is a very small firm with one full-time employee, Dale E. Baker, and one full-time leased employee, Karen K. Siders. Ms. Siders' father had surgery in January 2003 and died on Tuesday, February 25, 2003. Ms. Siders used the Family Medical Leave Act to be with her father and her family throughout this most difficult period.

As a result, normal secretarial activities were delayed and the reports were not filed due to an oversight by Dale E. Baker.

We hope that we have not inconvenienced your office with this oversight. Our intention has always been, is, and will continue to be, to fully comply with the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 and its interpretation.

Sincerely,

BAKER HEALTHCARE CONSULTING, INC.



Dale E. Baker

Enclosures

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Clerk of the House of Representatives Legislative Resource Center B-106 Cannon Building Washington, DC 20515	Secretary of the Senate Office of Public Records 232 Hart Building Washington, DC 20510
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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name <u>BAKER Healthcare Consulting, Inc.</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>One American Square, Suite 2000, Box 82058</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <u>INDIANAPOLIS</u> State/Zip (or Country) <u>IN 46282</u>			
4. Contact Name <u>Dale E. BAKER</u>	Telephone <u>317-631-3613</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>BAKER Healthcare@VANOO.COM</u>	5. Senate ID # <u>5764</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <u>Cardinal Health System (Ball Mem Hosp) Muncie, IN</u>			6. House ID # <u>3356</u>

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2002 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 ⇒ \$ _____
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 603 Internal Revenue Code

Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

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Signature Walter C. Wain

Printed Name and Title Dale E. BAKER, President

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Registrant Name Baker Healthcare Consulting Client Name Cardinal Health Sysd

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 and information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

See Attached

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

Check if None

Senate

House of Representatives

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<u>DALE E. BAKER</u>	

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

Check if None

Signature Walter C. Nahr Date March 6, 2

Printed Name and Title Dale E. BAKER

Registrant Name BAYER Healthcare Consulting Client Name Cardinal Health System

Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

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

City

State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

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

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of E (city and state or c

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

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant or affiliated organization

Signature Dale E. Baker Date March 6, 20

Printed Name and Title Dale E. Baker, President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cardinal Health System, Inc. (Ball Memorial Hospital) is unable to meet reclassification criteria to be reclassified to the Indianapolis MSA for wage index purposes simply because it is the only hospital in the Muncie MSA. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have established by regulation a mandatory reclassification criteria that makes it impossible for a hospital that is the only hospital in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) to seek an individual hospital wage index reclassification to another nearby MSA.

Cardinal Health System, Inc. seeks:

1. A legislative reclassification for any Delaware County, Indiana hospital to be reclassified to Indianapolis (permanently or for period of three years).

OR

2. Congress or the Administration to change the criteria to exempt a hospital MSA from the 108% criteria.

