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**LOBBYING REPORT**

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


1. Registrant Name Baker Healthcare Consulting, Inc.			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported One American Square, Suite 2000, Box 82058			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) Indianapolis IN 46282 City: State/zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name Dale E. Baker	Telephone (317) 631-3613	E-mail (optional) bakerhealthcare@yahoo.com	5. Senate ID # 5164
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Valley Health/Winchester Medical Center			6. House ID # 33560

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-De
9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report  ⇨ Termination Date 6/30/04

11. No Lobby:

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:  Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Income (nearest \$20,000)</div>	<b>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:  Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>  \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</div>
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).	<b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate reporting method. See instructions for description of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definition</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 602 Internal Revenue Code</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</li> </ul>

Signature  Date August 23, 2004

Printed Name and Title Dale E. Baker, President

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**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 and provide 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 and House of Representatives

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Dale E. Baker	

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

Signature Dale E Baker Date 8-23-04

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**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 Business (city and state or country)


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, affiliated organization

Signature  Date 8/23/2004

Printed Name and Title Dale E. Baker, President

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**VALLEY HEALTH**  
**WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Since October 1, 1999, Winchester Medical Center has been reclassified wage index purposes to receive in the Washington, DC MSA wage index. Compared to rural Virginia, this has increased payment to Winchester Medical Center (WMC) by approximately \$14,100,000 per year.

Winchester has been named a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) by OMB/Census in the 2000 census published in June 2003. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has not formally adopted the OMB/Cer MSAs for 2000 (CMS uses 1990 Census MSAs). In May 2004, CMS is expected to announce when they will implement changes. WMC is designated a Rural Referral Center (RRC) under existing CMS interpretations, WMC should be able to maintain the Washington, DC wage index reclassification if or when Winchester becomes an MSA for Medicare payment purposes (likely as of October 1, 2005). However, if CMS should administratively change interpretations of RRC status on hospitals that have become a part of an MSA, WMC could lose over \$4,000,000 per year.

We will monitor developments in the next two months and we want to familiarize our legislators with the importance of these administrative policies WMC and the expanded Winchester community that relies on WMC for quality hospital care.

