

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC

2. Address:

601 13TH ST., NW SUITE 250 NORTH, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

Country: _____ City: _____ State/Zip(or Country): _____

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

Telephone: 202-637-0214

E-mail (optional): mail@nicklesgroup.com

Senate ID #: 293335-113

House ID #: 37338001

7. Client Name: Self

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 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 Activity:

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): 120,000.00

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 expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. Con Res. 83: Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

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

US Senate

US House of Representatives

Executive Office of the President

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

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

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

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15. General issue area code: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Health information technology; Outcome measures; Hospital payment transparency

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

US House of Representatives

US Senate

US Department of Health and Human Services

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

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. 1002, Hospital Fair Competition Act of 2005; Medicare hospital reimbursement issues; Pay For Performance; Quality outcome measures; Medicaid reform

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

US House of Representatives
US Senate
US Department of Health and Human Services
US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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

Name: HUGHES, STACEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR
Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL
Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR
Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

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

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15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Not-for-profit status of hospitals; S.2020 - Tax Relief Act of 2005 / H.R. 4297 - Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005; S.1953 - National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee / H.R. 2830 - Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005

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

US Senate

US House of Representatives

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

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: WILD, BRIAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): EXEC. OFFICE OF THE VP, DPTY. ASST FOR LEG AFFAIRS

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Pamela Fleming, Administrative Director -