

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**NICKLES GROUP**

2. Address:

601 13th St. NW Suite 250 North, Washington, DC 20005

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

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

Telephone: 2026370214

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

Senate ID #: 293335-137

House ID #:

7. Client Name:  Self

**APRIA HEALTHCARE**

### TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 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): 48,000.00

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

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: APPRIA HEALTHCARE

### 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. 21, Budget Resolution; issues concerning Medicare.

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

Executive Office of the President (EOP)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

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 DIR.

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

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

Name: NICKLES, DON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATOR

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

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: APRIA HEALTHCARE

**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:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

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

Registrant Name: NICKLES GROUP Client Name: APRIA HEALTHCARE

### 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: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Medicare Reimbursement Issues including Home Oxygen therapy, Competitive bidding, S.1484 and H.R. 621, Home Oxygen Patient Protection Act of 2007, Durable Medical Equipment; H.R. 3162, The Champ Act, relating to home oxygen reimbursement; S. 2499, Medicare & Medicaid Extensions Act.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SENATE

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 DIR.

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 07, 2008

Printed Name and Title: PAMELA FLEMING, ADMINISTRATIVE -

**Information Update Page:**

**Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

**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**

HCR

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**25. Add the following organization(s)**

**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**

**28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 07, 2008

Printed Name and Title: -