UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: Providence Health & ServiceslHeart Clinics Northwest and Spokane Cardiology
File No. 101-0191

Dear Ms. Giannini:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a
nonpublic investigation to determine whether the proposed acquisition of Heart Clinics Northwest and Spokane Cardiology by Providence Health & Services may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 ofthe Federal Trade Commission Act.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by
the Commission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as