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Federal Trade Commission Pre-Merger Office Bureau of Competition Sixth & Pennsylvania Avenue Room 301, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20580

Attention: Ms. Nancy Ovuka

Re: Exemption of California District
Hospitals from the Hart-Scott-Rodino

Pre-Merger Notification Requirements

Dear Ms. Ovuka:

1. Our client, leading of the State of California and as such falls under the pre-merger notification "political

2. The assets and income of and its controlled nonprofit cubcidiary would not be nonlod for purponse of the inserts

subdivision" exemption of 15 U.S.C. § 18a(c)4.

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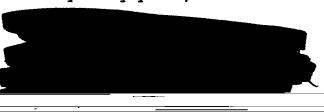


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the acquiring subsidiary would not be considered a "political subdivision" of the State.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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