# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

The Penn State Hershey Medical Center,
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RESPONDENTS' ANSWERS AND DEFENSES a corporation. I.

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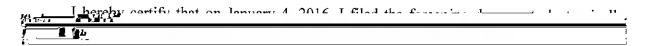
allegations set forth in Paragraph 54, and therefore deny them.

- 55. Respondents deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 55.
- D. The Merger Eliminates Vital Quality Competition
- 56. Respondents deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 56.
- 57. Respondents admit that Pinnacle has always endeavored to provide high-quality service that satisfies patients. Respondents deny the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 57.
  - 58. Respondents deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 58.
- 59. Respondents admit that Pinnacle has improved the quality of care and implemented operational improvements and best practices in its hospitals. Respondents lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the "internal documents" the Commission references, and therefore deny the allegations insofar as they rely on any such documents. Respondents deny the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 59.
- 60. Respondents admit that Hershey has begun constructing a new outpatient ambulatory facility and has expanded outpatient services in Cumberland County. Respondents deny the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 60.
  - 61. Respondents admit that Hershev strives to reduce costs and improve its quality and

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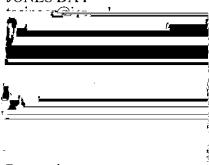
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