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		G	Eagle Quest Golf Centers, Inc.
	19982883	G	Telephone and Data Systems Inc. Voting Trust.
		G	Telephone and Data Systems Inc. Voting Trust.
		G	Crook County RSA Limited Partnership.
	19982898	G	Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company.
		G	Thomas J. Stewart.
		G	Eagle Insurance Group, Inc.
	19982900	G	Racing Champions Corporation.
		G	Wheels Sports Group, Inc.
		G	Wheels Sports Group, Inc.
	19982907	G	The News Corporation Limited.
		G	TVSM, Inc.
		G	TVSM, Inc.
	19982910	G	Broughton Foods Company.
		G	LFD Holding Corp.
		G	LFD Holding Corp.
	19982915	G	Consolidation Capital Corporation.
		G	James C. Linford.
		G	G.S. Group, Inc.
	19982916	G	New England Business Service, Inc.
		G	Romo Corp.
		G	McBee Systems, Inc.
	19982919	G	National Oilwell, Inc.
		G	First Reserve Fund VI, Limited Partnership.
		G	Phoenix Energy Products Holdings, Inc.
	19982927	G	ABB A.G.
		G	Paradigm Technology, Inc.
		G	IXYS Corporation.
	19982928	G	ABB A.B.
		G	Paradigm Technology, Inc.
		G	IXYS Corporation.
	19982929	G	Thomas T. Gore, an individual.
		G	Highmark, Inc., A Pennsylvania non-profit corporation.
		G	Synertech Health System Solutions, Inc.
	19982936	G	Advance Voting Trust.
		G	Wired Ventures, Inc.
		G	Wired Ventures, Inc.
	19982940	G	Willis Stein & Partners, L.P.
		G	Gottlob Auwaerter GmbH & Co.
		G	International Automotive Products, Inc.
	19982941	G	Kamilche Company.
		G	Louisiana-Pacific Corporation.
		G	Louisiana-Pacific Corporation.
	19982957	G	Manufactures' Services Limited.
		G	International Business Machines Corporation.
		G	International Business Machines Corporation.
	19982962	G	NationsRent, Inc.
		G	Oliver H. Raymond.
		G	Raymond Equipment Company, Inc.
	19982963	G	Packerland Holdings, L.P.
		G	Paul J. Murray, Sr.
		G	Murco, Inc.
	19982968	G	Willis Stein & Partners, L.P.
		G	Larry Archibald.
		G	Stereophile, Inc.

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Notification Office, Bureau of
Competition, Room 303, Washington,
D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade

Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the

premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

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26-MAY-98	19982739	G	Assa Abloy AB.
		G	Hillenbrand Industreis, Inc.
	19982746	G	Medeco Security Locks, Inc.
		G	Clear Channel Communications, Inc.
		G	Richard M. Fairbanks & Virginia B. Fairbanks.
	19982756	G	Fairbanks Communications, Inc.
		G	James C. Hilliard.
		G	Clear Channel Communications, Inc.
	19982770	G	Clear Channel Metroplex, Inc.
		G	Clear Channel Metroplex Licenses, Inc.
		G	Jeffrey H. Smulyan.
	19982800	G	Mari Hulman George.
		G	Wabash Valley Broadcasting Corporation.
		G	Thomas E. Baker (Dr.).
	19982801	G	Aspen Technology, Inc.
		G	Aspen Technology, Inc.
		G	Aspen Technology, Inc.
	19982974	G	Thomas E. Baker (Dr.)
		G	Chesapeake Decision Sciences, Inc.
		G	Sega Enterprises, Ltd.
19982988	G	SGW Holding Inc.	
	G	Sega GameWorks L.L.C.	
	G	Kellstrom Industries, Inc.	
27-MAY-98	19982831	G	Carmel and Rosa Shashua.
		G	Aerocar Aviation Corp./Aerocar Parts, Inc.
	19982882	G	Aerocar Parts, Inc.
		G	Able Telcom Holding Corp.
	19982891	G	WorldCom, Inc.
		G	MFS Network Technogeis, Inc.
		G	Journal Communications, Inc.
	19982899	G	AGM-Nevada, L.L.C.
		G	AGM-Nevada, L.L.C.
		G	Farm Family Holdings, Inc.
	19982921	G	Farm Family Life Insurance Company.
		G	Farm Family Life Insurance Company.
		G	Sidney B. DeBoer.
	19982923	G	Antonio Rodriguez.
		G	Rodway Chevrolet Co./Century Ford, Inc.
		G	AB Volvo.
	19982925	G	Samsung Heavy Industries Co., Ltd.
		G	Samsung Construction Equipment America Corp.
		G	William D. Morton.
	19982934	G	Mid Central Plastics, Inc.
G		Mid Central Plastics, Inc.	
G		Kranson Industries, Inc.	
19982938	G	W. Braun Company.	
	G	W. Braun Company.	
	G	The Children's Hospital Foundation.	
19982939	G	The Children's Seashore House.	
	G	The Children's Seashore House.	
	G	Societe National d'Etude et de Construction.	
19982950	G	TI Group plc.	
	G	Dowty Aerospace Corporation.	
	G	Solectron Corporation.	
19982989	G	International Business Machines Corporation.	
	G	International Business Machines Corporation.	
	G	FS Equity Partners IV, L.P.	
19982990	G	Dennis C. Bearden.	
	G	Century Maintenance Supply, Inc.	
	G	Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita, Kansas.	
28-MAY-98	19982626	G	Preferred Health Systems, Inc.
		G	Preferred Health Systems, Inc.
		G	Preferred Health Systems, Inc.
		G	Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother Generalate, Inc.
		G	Preferred Health Systems, Inc.
		G	Preferred Health Systems, Inc.
		G	Windy Hill Pet Food Holdings, Inc.
		G	Gene W. Fickes and Sandra C. Fickes.
		G	Deep Run Packing Co., Inc.

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	19982744	G	Cottingham Trust (1996).
		G	Douglas Monitto.
		G	Monitor Aerospace Corporation.
	19982914	G	Anacomp, Inc.
		G	First Data Corporation.
		G	First Financial Management Corporation.
		G	Employee Benefits Plans, Inc.
	19982944	G	Metals USA, Inc.
		G	Roger L. Krohn and Marilyn B. Krohn.
		G	Krohn Steel Service Center, Incorporated.
	19982952	Y	Denali Incorporated.
		Y	William I. Koch.
		Y	Fibercast Company.
29-MAY-98	19982894	G	Questor Partners Fund, L.P.
		G	IMPCO Technologies, Inc.
		G	IMPCO Technologies, Inc.
	19982980	G	Almanij N.V.
		G	Kredietbank N.V.
		G	Kredietbank N.V.
01-JUN-98	19982811	G	Lakshmi N. Mittal.
		G	Inland Steel Industries, Inc.
		G	Inland Steel Industries, Inc.
	19982837	G	Hafslund ASA.
		G	Chrysler Corporation.
		G	Pontook Operating Limited Partnership.
	19982895	G	Queensway Financial Holdings Limited.
		G	James G. Petcoff.
		G	North Pointe Financial Service Inc.
	19982896	G	James G. Petcoff.
		G	Queensway Financial Holdings Limited.
		G	Queensway Financial Holdings Limited.
	19982905	G	U.S. Industries, Inc.
		G	Clark Manufacturing, Inc.
		G	Clark Manufacturing, Inc.
	19982917	G	Sterling Commerce, Inc.
		G	XcelleNet, Inc.
		G	XcelleNet, Inc.
	19982918	G	Dennis M. Crumpler.
		G	Sterling Commerce, Inc.
		G	Sterling Commerce, Inc.
	19982951	G	Life Re Corporation.
		G	Delos H. Yancey, Jr.
		G	North American Financial Services, Inc.
	19982953	G	Tension Envelope Corporation.
		G	The Wolf Detroit Envelope Company.
		G	The Wolf Detroit Envelope Company.
	19982956	G	Gibraltar Steel Corporation.
		G	United Steel Products Company.
		G	United Steel Products Company.
	19982981	G	Almanij N.V.
		G	CERA Bank.
		G	CERA Bank.
	19982982	G	General Motors Corporation.
		G	Allied Signal, Inc.
		G	AlliedSignal Environmental Catalysts Inc.
01-JUN-98.	19982987	G	IMI plc (a British Company).
		G	Peter R. Fazzone.
		G	KIP, Inc.
	19982994	G	The Warnaco Group, Inc.
		G	Commerce Clothing Company LLC.
		G	Commerce Clothing Company LLC.
	19982997	G	Performance Food Group Company.
		G	Robert E. Keith.
		G	Affiliated Paper Companies, Inc.
	19982998	G	OEI International, Inc.
		G	W-Industries, Inc.
		G	W-Industries, Inc.
	19982999	G	Lubermens Mutual Casualty Company.
		G	Sid R. Bass.
		G	Pyramid Acquisition Corporation.
	19983002	G	Code, Hennessy & Simmons III, L.P.

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02-JUN-98	19983005	G	Tharco Containers Colorado, Inc.
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		G	FPL Group, Inc.
	19983006	G	The Douglas Compton Trust.
		G	Cannon Power Corporation.
		G	FPL Group, Inc.
	19983007	G	Gerald W. Monkhouse.
		G	Cannon Power Corporation.
		G	Fortune Brands, Inc.
	19983022	G	Aktiebolaget Electrolux.
		G	Schrock Cabinet Company Division of White Consolidated Industries, Inc.
		G	Coinmach Laundry Corporation.
	19983057	G	Thomas L. and Dorothy E. Litwin.
		G	Gordon & Thomas Companies, Inc.
		G	Wheatley Partners, L.P.
	19983063	G	USWeb Corporation.
		G	USWeb Corporation.
		G	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.
	19983064	G	Herbert R. Allen.
		G	H.R. Allen, Inc.
		G	Herbert R. Allen.
	19982866	G	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.
		G	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.
		G	U S West, Inc.
	19982868	G	Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
		G	Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
		G	Time Warner Inc.
	19983012	G	Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
		G	Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
		G	Desc, S.A. de C.V.
	19983016	G	Authentic Specialty Foods, Inc.
		G	Authentic Specialty Foods, Inc.
		G	The Crown Fund.
	19983018	G	ALLTEL Corporation.
		G	ALLTEL Corporation.
		G	John Rutledge Partners II, L.P.
	19983019	G	W.R. Hambrecht/QIC, Inc.
		G	Quinton Instrument Company.
		G	Real Time Data, Inc.
	19983030	G	J. Richard Estey.
		G	The Estey Corporation.
		G	Vend Products Distributing of California, Inc.
	19983033	G	National-Oilwell, Inc.
		G	Estate of William A. Monteleone.
		G	Roberds-Johnson Industries, Inc.
	19983035	G	Group Maintenance America Corp.
		G	Giles C. Upshur, III.
		G	Atlantic Industrial Constructors, Inc.
	19983036	G	Atlantic Industrial Maintenance, Inc.
		G	Atlantic Industrial Leasing Corporation, Inc.
		G	Group Maintenance America Corp.
	19983046	G	T. Evan Williams.
		G	I Maintenance, Inc.; and Atlantic Industrial Leasing Corp.
		G	Ocean Group plc.
	19983048	G	Mercury Holdings plc.
		G	Mercury Holdings plc.
		G	Commerical Union plc.
19983058	G	Farmers Union Insurance Acquisition Corporation.	
	G	Farmers Union Insurance Acquisition Corporation.	
	G	ICM Equipment Company, L.L.C.	
19983071	G	Williams Bros. Construction, Inc.	
	G	Williams Bros. Construction, Inc.	
	G	Brentwood Associates Buyout Fund II, L.P.	
19983082	G	Stone Heavy Duty, Inc.	
	G	Stone Heavy Duty, Inc.	
	G	The Beacon Group III—Focus Value Fund, L.P.	
		G	Robert Kern.
		G	Generac Corporation.
		G	General Motors Corporation.
		G	Edward J. Morse.

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03-JUN-98	19983089	G	Morse Operations, Inc.
		G	Dartford Partnership L.L.C.
		G	MBW Investors L.L.C.
	19983090	G	NEWCO.
		G	McCown DeLeeuw & Co. III, L.P.
		G	MBW Investors L.L.C.
	19983095	G	NEWCO.
		Y	NE Restaurant Company, Inc.
	19981604	Y	Bertucci's Inc.
		Y	Bertucci's Inc.
		Y	Compaq Computer Corporation
	19982893	Y	Digital Equipment Corporation.
		G	Digital Equipment Corporation.
		G	Danaher Corporation.
	19982930	G	Fluke Corporation.
		G	Fluke Corporation.
		G	Ira Leon Rennert.
	19982933	G	ASARCO Incorporated.
		G	ASARCO Incorporated.
		G	Robert F.X. Sillerman.
	19982992	G	Mugar MLWLLC.
		G	Blackstone Entertainment, LLC.
		G	NGC Corporation.
	19983001	G	Dominion Resources, Inc.
		G	Dominion Energy, Inc.
		G	Dominon Cogen CA, Inc.
	19983037	G	Ford Motor Company.
G		Big 4 Rents, Inc.	
G		Big 4 Rents, Inc.	
19983041	G	Gordon Gray, Jr. Trust.	
	G	Roy P. Disney.	
	G	The Apogee Companies, Inc.	
19983077	G	Navix Radiology Systems, Inc.	
	G	Fresenius AG.	
	G	Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc.	
19983091	G	Gerald W. Schwartz.	
	G	Silicon Graphics, Inc.	
	G	Cray Research, Inc.	
19983092	G	McCown De Leeuw & Co. IV, L.P.	
	G	MBW Investors L.L.C.	
	G	NEWCO	
04-JUN-98	19982945	G	Aurora Foods, Inc.
		G	Fenway Partners Capital Fund, L.P.
		G	MBW Investors L.L.C.
19983017	G	NEWCO	
	G	Partners HealthCare System, Inc.	
	G	Newton-Wellesley Health Care System, Inc.	
19983079	G	Newton-Wellesley Health Care System, Inc.	
	G	Henry Crown and Company (Not Incorporated).	
	G	ALLTEL Corporation.	
05-JUN-98	19982912	G	ALLTEL Corporation.
		G	Northland Cranberries, Inc.
		G	Michael A. Morello.
	19982993	G	Minot Food Packers, Inc.
		G	Larry Addington.
		G	Cyprus Amax Minerals Company.
		G	Cyprus Cumberland Coal Corporation.
		G	Cyprus Mountain Coals Corporation.
		G	Cyprus Southern Realty Corporation.
		G	Cyprus Kanawha Corporation.
		G	Amax Coal Company.
		G	Amax Coal Sales Company.
		G	Ayrshire Land Company.
		G	Beech Coal Company.
		G	Meadowlark, Inc.
G	Cannelton, Inc.		
19983014	G	Roaring Creek Coal Company.	
	G	Grassy Cove Coal Mining Company.	
	G	General Electric Company.	
19983014	G	Kaynar Technologies, Inc.	
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19983014	G	Engineered Support Systems, Inc.	

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		G G	George W. Andrews and Mary Ann Andrews. KECO Industries, Inc.

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Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 941-0095]

M.D. Physicians of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comment should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Baer, FTC/H-374., Washington, D.C. 20580. (202) 326-2932.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the

complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for June 19, 1998), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement to a proposed consent order from M.D. Physicians of Southwest Louisiana ("MDP"). The agreement settles charges by the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") that MDP has violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act by: (1) Fixing the prices and other terms on which its members would deal with third-party payers; (2) collectively refusing to deal with third-party payers; and (3) conspiring to obstruct the entry of managed care into Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will review the agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order. The analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way their terms. Further, the proposed consent order has been entered into for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by MDP that the law has been violated as alleged in the complaint.

The Complaint

Under the terms of the agreement, a proposed complaint would be issued by the Commission along with the proposed consent order. The allegations in the Commission's complaint are summarized below.

MDP is a physician organization based in Lake Charles, Louisiana. All of the members of MDP are physicians practicing in and around Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, the parish in which Lake Charles is located. During the time period addressed by the allegations of the complaint, MDP members constituted a majority of all physicians practicing in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. In certain physician specialties, MDP members constituted all or most of the physician specialists practicing in Calcasieu Parish.

MDP was formed in 1987 as a vehicle for its members to deal concertedly with the impending entry into Calcasieu Parish of managed care. Beginning in 1987, and continuing until at least 1994, when MDP first learned that it was under investigation by the staff of the Commission, MDP conspired to fix the prices and other terms under which its members dealt with third-party payers. MDP also conspired to prevent or delay the entry into Calcasieu Parish of managed care.

Until 1994, MDP members refused to participate, either individually or collectively, in health care plans offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Employees Group Benefits Program, Aetna Insurance Company, Healthcare Advantage, Inc., and other third-party payers attempting to do business in Calcasieu Parish.

The members of MDP agreed that MDP would represent them in negotiations with third-party payers. MDP functioned as the exclusive representative of its members. Until 1994, the members of MDP dealt with third-party payers only through MDP.

MDP's members have not integrated their medical practices in any economically significant way, nor have they created any efficiencies that might justify this conduct.

MDP's actions have harmed consumers in Calcasieu Parish by, among other things, restraining competition among physicians,