

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20000146	SAP Aktiengesellschaft Systeme, Anwendungen Produkte in der	Schwab-Stiftung fur wirtgchaffliche und Soziale Entwicklung	Industry to Industry, Inc.
20000171	CBS Corporation	Big Entertainment, Inc	Big Entertainment, Inc.
20000240	Leiner Health Products Group Inc	Leslie L. Dan	Granutec, Inc.
20000245	Wells Fargo & Company	ATG Group, Inc	ATG Group, Inc.
20000246	Big V Holding Corp	ShopRite of Pennington, Inc	Shoprte of Pennington, Inc.
20000248	Bain Capital Fund VI, L.P	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company	Stream International Inc.
20000251	Interpump Group S.p.A	Muncie Power Products, Inc	Muncie Power Products, Inc.
20000271	AT&T Corp	Knology, Inc	Knology, Inc.
20000272	ITC Holding Company, Inc	Knology, Inc	Knology, Inc.
20000273	May Department Stores Company, a Delaware corporation	Zions Reserve Trust	Zions Co-operative Mercantile Institution.
20000281	Richard Li	CMGI, Inc	CMGI, Inc.
20000288	Ford Motor Company	Barnes Family Trust	Fremont Ford Sales, Inc.
20000300	Bank of Montreal	Thomas E. Burke	Burke, Christensen & Lewis Securities, Inc.
20000301	Bank of Montreal	Richard L. Christensen	Burke, Christensen & Lewis Securities, Inc.
20000303	Quintiles Transnational Corp	Mediconsult.com, Inc	Mediconsult.com, Inc.
20000309	The New York Times Company	The Chronicle Publishing Company	The Chronicle Publishing Company.
20000328	United Parcel Service of America, Inc	Peter F. Ullrich	Challenge Air Cargo, Inc.
20000330	PeopleSoft, Inc	Vantive Corporation (The)	Vantive Corporation (The).
20000339	Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc	Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation	Olympia Fields Regional Osteopathic Medical Center.
20000341	America Online, Inc	Gateway, Inc	Gateway, Inc.
20000344	El Paso Energy Corporation	Central and South West Corporation	Orange Cogeneration Limited Partnership.
20000345	Central and South West Corporation	El Paso Energy Corporation	Polk Power Parners, LP.
20000347	Michael Haentjes	Sony Corporation	Newco 1 (Orange Subsidiary, Newco 2 (Polk Subsidiary).
20000349	Inter-Tel, Incorporated	Executone Information Systems, Inc	RED Distribution Inc.
20000350	Willis Stein & Partners II, L.P	Aavid Thermal Technologies, Inc	Executone Information Systems, Inc.
20000354	Manufacturers' Services Limited	3Com Corporation	Aavid Thermal Technologies, Inc.
20000357	Evening Telegram Company	Young Broadcasting Inc	3Com Corporation.
20000358	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P.	Young Broadcasting of LaCrosse, Inc.
20000359	Group 1 Automotive, Inc	Ira J. Rosenberg and Judith A. Rosenberg (husband & wife)	GKN Holdings, Inc.
20000360	Goup 1 Automotive, Inc	David E. Rosenberg	IRA Buick Pontiac, LLC, IRA Subaru, LLC, IMG Company, LLC, North Shore Auto Brokers, Inc.
20000361	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P	Professional Training Services, Inc	IRA Chrysler Products, Inc. (dba IRA Jeep), IRA Motor Group (dba IRA Lexus), IRA Motor Imports, Inc. (dba IRA Mazda, Isuzu, Porsche, Audi).
			Professional Training Services, Inc.

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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 acquisition during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/13/1999			
19994626	Longs Drug Stores Corporation	Rite Aid Corporation	Thrifty Payless, Inc.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
19994808	Wilfred Uytensu	Petre Point, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company.	Anderson Bakery Company, Inc., Bon Ton Foods, Inc., Anderson Snack Foods, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/14/1999

19994472	Monitor Clipper Equity Partners, L.P	BP Amoco p.l.c	Amoco Fabrics and Fibers Company.
19994501	Century Tel, Inc	GTE Corporation	GTE North Incorporated.
19994627	Coleman Cable Acquisition Corporation LLC.	Borg-Warner Automotive, Inc	Coleman Cable Systems, Inc.
19994660	Martin Weinberg	Leigh Steinberg	Steinberg & Moorad.
19994661	Martin Weinberg	Jeffrey S. Moorad	Steinberg & Moorad.
19994677	Hanson PLC	Rex Family Limited Partnership	Superior Products Company.
19994678	MJD Communications, Inc	The Orwell Telephone Company	The Orwell Telephone Company.
19994680	Daifuku Co., Ltd	Brooks Automation, Inc	Brooks Automation, Inc.
19994690	Carl C. Icahn	Federal Mogul Corp	Federal Mogul Corp.
19994718	Hilton Hotels Corporation	Promus Hotel Corporation	Promus Hotel Corporation.
19994722	Media/Communications Partners III Limited Partnership.	Philip D. Cohen and Marcia Cohen, (husband and wife).	Main Line Book Company.
19994744	Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Equity Fund III, L.P.	General Electric Company	Pegasus Broadcasting of San Juan, L.L.C.
19994754	Amdocs Limited	International Telecommunication Data Systems, Inc.	International Telecommunication Data Systems, Inc.
19994756	4Front Technologies, Inc	Martin D. Sass	CVSI, Inc.
19994760	American Express Company	EBarter, Inc	EBarter, Inc.
19994762	Qwest Communications International Inc.	Philip F. Anschutz	Anschutz Digital Media, Inc., Precision Systems, Inc.
19994764	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc	Larry J. Earnest	L.J. Earnest, Inc.
19994772	United Rentals, Inc	Brian J. Boland	Boland Rentals, Inc.
19994773	BCI Growth V, L.P	Pon Holdings, B.V	Protocol Holdings Inc.
19994774	Willis Stein & Partners II, L.P	Pon Holdings B.V	Protocol Holdings, Inc.
19994781	Washington Mutual, Inc	CNB Bancshares, Inc	Peoples Security Finance Company, Inc.
19994782	Pon Holdings B.V	Gerald R. Risch	Material Handling Services, Inc.
19994784	The Veritas Capital Fund, L.P	Advance Technical Products, Inc	Advance Technical Products, Inc.
19994786	Fortune Brands, Inc	Miroslaw Nowak	NHB Group Ltd.
19994794	Golder, Thoma, Cressey, Rauner Fund V, L.P.	Delux Corporation	N.R.C. Holding Corporation, United Creditors Alliance International Limited.
19994798	Aurora Foods Inc	Kellogg Company	The Eggo Company.
19994799	Transit Group, Inc	Land Transportation, LLC	Land Transportation, LLC.
19994802	H&R Block, Inc	Ernest J. Olde	Financial Marketing Services, Inc., Olde Financial Corporation.
20000002	CRH plc	Franklin T. Crooker	Harry C. Crooker & Sons, Inc., Maine Gravel Services, Inc.
20000003	CRH plc	Theodore D. Crooker	Harry C. Crooker & Sons, Inc., Maine Gravel Services, Inc.
20000005	Jefferson-Pilot Corporation	The Guarantee Life Companies Inc	The Guarantee Life Companies Inc.
20000007	ITT Industries, Inc	Stanford Telecommunications, Inc	Stanford Telecommunications, Inc.
20000011	U.S. Foodservice	Superior Products Manufacturing Company.	Superior Products Mfg. Co. Limited Partnership.
20000021	Mead Corporation (The)	Lewis B. Cullman	Cullman Ventures, Inc.
20000022	Suburban Propane Partners, L.P	SCANA Corporation	SCANA Propane Gas, Inc., SCANA Propane Supply, Inc.
20000031	Bank of America Corporation	David K. Reinke	Parts Now Incorporated.
20000037	Furman Seiz Investors II L.P	James C. Marlas	Mickelberry Communications Incorporated.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/15/1999

19994641	Texton Inc	InteSys Technologies, Inc	InteSys Technologies, Inc.
19994681	Brooks Automation Inc	Daifuku Co., Ltd	AutoSimulations, Inc., Auto-Soft Corporation.
19994710	Blackstone CCI Capital Partners L.P	Robert R. Mac Cormack Trust U/W dated 05/09/73.	Colorado 4—Park Limited Partnership, Sangre De Cristo Cellular of Colorado Limited Partnership, Smoky Hill Cellular of Colorado Limited Partnership.
19994733	Invemed Catalyst Fund, L.P	Unifi, Inc	Unifi, Inc.
19994758	The Hearst Trust	Internet Broadcasting Systems, Inc	Internet Broadcasting Systems, Inc.
19994783	The Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	Loews Corporation	First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd.
19994805	Puget Sound Energy, Inc	Bryan Family Trust	Encogen Northwest, L.P.
20000008	General Electric Company	ChannelPoint, Inc	ChannelPoint, Inc.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20000009	ChannelPoint, Inc	General Electric Company	First Colony Life Insurance Company.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/19/1999

19994699	General Motors Corporation	Ira Leon Rennert	AM General Corp.
19994721	General Electric Company	Crown Castle International Corp	Crown Castle International Corp.
19994779	World Access, Inc	Jud L. Sedgwick Grandchildren's Trust	FacilCom International, Inc.
19994780	Jud L. Sedgwick Grandchildren's Trust	World Access, Inc	World Access, Inc.
19994787	Walter J. Burmeister	World Access, Inc	World Access, Inc.
19994793	MCI WorldCom	Wireless One, Inc	Wireless One, Inc.
20000006	Cisco Systems, Inc	KPMG LLP	KPMG Consulting, Inc.
20000010	Thomas T. Gores	NetLojix Communications, Inc. a Delaware Corporation.	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
20000012	Jose P. Bared	Chiltonshire, N.V	REWJB Dairy Plant Associates, REWJB Gas Investments, REWJB Investments.
20000015	New Lexington Clinic P.S.C	PhyCor, Inc	PhyCor of Kentucky, LLC, PhyCor Real Estate, LLC.
20000016	Bradford Equities Fund, LP	Ygal Sonenshine	Raygal Design Associates, Inc.
20000025	UAL Corporation	GetThere.com, Inc	GetThere.com, Inc.
20000028	Jack B. Binion	Empress Entertainment, Inc	Empress Casino Hammond Corp., Empress Casino Jollet Corp.
20000029	Stronach Trust	Marie Denise DeBartolo York	Thistledown, Inc.
20000030	Stronach Trust	Edward J. DeBartolo	Thistledown, Inc.
20000035	INEOS Acrylics Limited	Imperial Chemical Industries PLC	ICI Acrylics GmbH, ICI Japan Ltd., ICI Acrylics Inc., ICI Acrylics Holland B.V., ICI France SA.
20000038	O. Bruton Smith	Freeland Holdings, Inc	Freeland Holdings, Inc.
20000043	Highland Capital Partners IV Limited Partnership.	Paul G. Allen	Mercata, Inc.
20000046	United Petroleum Corporation	Jose P. Bared	F.S. Convenience Stores, Inc.
20000048	National City Corporation	Hugo E. Pimienta	AccuBanc Mortgage Corporation.
20000049	MedImmune, Inc	U.S. Bioscience, Inc	U.S. Bioscience, Inc.
20000051	Donaldson Company, Inc	Air-Maze Corporation	Air-Maze Corporation.
20000053	First American Financial Corporation	Five Star Holdings, Inc	Five Star Holdings, Inc.
20000054	Bell Atlantic Corporation	Bell Atlantic Corporation	Portland Cellular Partnership.
20000055	Code, Hennessy & Simmons, IV, L.P	Kranson Industries, Inc	Kranson Industries, Inc.
20000056	Tyco International Ltd.	Precision Castparts Corp	Penberthy, Inc.
20000057	FS Equity Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.	Tyco International Ltd.	Sherwood Services AG, Tyco Healthcare Group LP.
20000058	Cisco Systems, Inc	Weblin Communications Corporation	Weblin Communications Corporation.
20000059	Harris Corporation	Roger S. Penske	Terion, Inc.
20000060	Media/Communications Partners III Limited Partnership.	Henry Trentman	Recorded Books, Inc., et. al.
20000064	Rice Partners II, L.P	Restaurants Unlimited, Inc	Restaurants Unlimited, Inc.
20000075	Barnes & Noble, Inc	Leonard Riggio	Babbage's Etc. LLC.
20000080	McWane, Inc	MTC Investors LLC	Manchester Tank & Equipment Co.
20000081	Metals USA, Inc	Allmet Building Products, Inc	Allmet Building Products, Inc.
20000083	Douglas J. Von Allmen	Leighton Reid and Sara Reid (husband and wife).	Ace Beauty Supply Company, Inc.
20000084	J. Thomas Hurvis	Hoehchst Aktiengesellschaft	Celanese Ltd.
20000095	Liz Claiborne, Inc	Anthony Podell	Podell Industries Incorporated.
20000102	Castle Harlan Partners III, L.P	The SK Equity Fund, L.P	Wilshire Restaurant Group, Inc.
20000107	TPG Partners II, L.P	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.
20000108	Cypress Merchant Banking Partners, L.P.	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.
20000120	Bernard Arnault, an Individual	TAG Heuer International SA	TAG Heuer International SA.
20000125	Omnicom Group Inc	M/A/R/C Inc	M/A/R/C Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/21/1999

19994597	General Electric Company	Matthew W. Prucka and Sheryl P. Prucka.	Prucka Engineering, Inc.
19994748	WPP Group plc	Gregg Wood	Diagnostic Research, Inc.
19994749	WPP Group plc	Marc Agostini	Diagnostic Research, Inc.
19994752	American General Corporation	Financial Life Companies, Inc	Financial Life Companies, Inc.
19994791	ING Groep N.V	ING Groep N.V	Clarion Realty Services, LLC, Clarion Partners, LLC
19994797	Compania Roca Radiadores, S.A	Keramik Holding AG Laufen	Laufen Ceramics, Inc.
19994804	Tyco International Ltd	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft
20000087	TCV III (Q), L.P	ICON Holding Corp	ICON Holding Corp.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20000098	Select Medical Corporation	NovaCare, Inc	CMC Center Corporation, Industrial Health Care Company, Inc., NovaCare Occupational Health Services, NovaMark, Inc., RehabClinics, Inc.
20000103	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	ACE Limited	ACE Limited.
20000109	Texas Indusments Incorporated	Power Trends, Inc	Power Trends, Inc.
20000130	Marmon Holdings, Inc	Harold R. Rubin	Stevens-Lee Company.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/22/1999

19992220	El Paso Energy Corporation	Sonat Inc	Sonat Inc.
19993582	Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux	Nalco Chemical Company	Nalco Chemical Company.
19994199	VNU N.V	Nielson Media Research, Inc	Nielsen Media Research, Inc.
19994702	Roll-Royce plc	Vickers plc	Vickers plc.
20000085	Baker Communications Fund, L.P	Akamai Technologies, Inc	Akamai Technologies, Inc.
20000128	Paul G. Allen	Jay Walker	Priceline WebHouse Club, Inc., Vulcan Ventures, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Call for Comments on Draft Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Care and Announcement of Regional Informational Meetings on Draft Standards

AGENCY: Office Secretary OS/Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Minority Health, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The DHHS Office of Minority Health announces the publication of an solicitation of public comments on draft national standards on culturally and linguistically appropriate health care. The 120-day comment period, beginning January 1, 2000, will include three regional meetings on the draft standards. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to submit their views on the 14 draft standards and the accompanying commentary. The national standards, as revised according to comments received, will be published in a final version in the fall of 2000.

DATES: The comment and submission period is January 1 through April 30, 2000.

ADDRESS: (1) By mail, comments postmarked no later than April 30, 2000, can be submitted to: CLAS Standards, c/o HHS Office of Minority Health, Rockwall II, 5515 Security Lane, #1000, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments sent by courier will be accepted until 5 PM EST on April 30. Comments may also be submitted electronically by email to: OMHRC_Standards@IQSolutions.com or through the Office of Minority Health Resource Center WebPages at www.omhrc.gov/clas.

(2) Individuals may register for one of the regional meetings by using the online registration form at www.omhrc.gov/clas. To request a registration form by mail, write to: CLAS Standards meeting, c/o IQ Solutions, 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 801, Rockville, MD 20852.

A reading room will be made available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at HHS Office of Minority Health, Rockwall II, 5515 Security Lane, #1000, Rockville, MD 20852. The reading room will contain all pertinent material related to the CLAS standards and regional meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guadalupe Pacheco, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite-1000, Rockville, MD 20852, Attn: CLAS, Office: (301) 443-5084, FAX: (301) 594-0767, EMAIL: gpacheco@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Cultural and linguistic competence suggests and ability by health care providers and health care organizations to understand and respond effectively to the cultural and linguistic needs

brought by patients to the health care encounter. As health providers begin to treat a more diverse clientele as a result of demographic shifts and changes in participation in insurance programs, interest in designing culturally and linguistically appropriate services that lead to improved outcomes, efficiency and satisfaction is increasing. The provision of linguistically and culturally appropriate services is in the interest of providers, policymakers, accreditation and credentialing agencies, purchasers, patients, advocates, educators, and the general health care community.

Many health care providers do not have clear guidance on how to prepare for or respond to culturally sensitive situations. Until now, no comprehensive nationally recognized standards of cultural or linguistic competence in health care service delivery have been developed. Instead, Federal health agencies, state policymakers, and national organizations have independently developed their own standards and practices. Some have developed definitions of cultural competence while others mandate providing language services to limited English speakers. Some specify collection of language, race, and ethnicity data. Many approaches attempt to be comprehensive, while others target only a specific issue, geographic area, or subfield of health care, such as mental health. The result is a wide spectrum of ideas about what constitutes culturally competent health services, including significant differences with respect to target population, scope, and quality of services. Although limited in their jurisdiction, many excellent policies do exist, and the increasing numbers of model programs and practices prove that culturally competent health