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**DOJ/FTC HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE
AND COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY**
Schedule for June 25-26, 2003 Sessions

The Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission today released a detailed schedule for sessions of their joint hearings on health care and competition law and policy to be held June 25-26, 2003. These hearings, which were originally scheduled to be held at the FTC Conference Center, will now be held at FTC Headquarters at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The morning session begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at approximately 12:30 p.m. The afternoon sessions begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Date	Morning Session Topic	Afternoon Session Topic
June 25	None	Mandated Benefits
June 26	Pharmaceuticals: Formulary Issues	Prospective Guidance

As previously announced, no sessions will be held during July and August 2003. The Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission anticipate holding additional hearings on September 10-12, 2003, September 24-26, 2003, and September 30, 2003.

As noted in the *Federal Register* notice announcing this event, any interested person may submit written comments responsive to any of the topics to be addressed. Comments directed at a particular subject considered during a particular session of hearings must be submitted no later than 45 days after the date of that specific hearing session. Comments on broader subjects within the general scope of the hearings may be submitted at any time after the publication of this notice, but no later than November 28, 2003.

Written comments should be submitted in both hard copy and electronic form. Six hard copies of each submission should be addressed to Donald S. Clark, Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Submissions should be captioned: "Comments Regarding Hearings on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy." Electronic submissions may be sent by electronic mail to healthcare@ftc.gov. Alternatively, electronic submissions may be filed on a 3-1/2 inch computer disk with a label stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document.

Information about the health care hearings is available on the websites for the hearings, <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/hchearing.htm> and <http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/healthcarehearings/>, and from the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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