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DOJ/FTC HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE AND COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

Agenda for September 24-26, 2003 and September 30 - October 1, 2003 Sessions

The Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission today released a detailed agenda for the final sessions of their joint hearings on health care and competition law and policy to be held September 24-26, 2003 and September 30 - October 1, 2003. These hearings will be held at the FTC Conference Center at 601 New Jersey Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. The morning sessions will be held from 9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All afternoon sessions will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., except for the Friday, September 26 session, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

The specific sessions at this set of hearings are as follows:

Date	Morning Session Topic	Afternoon Session Topic
September 24	Physician Product and Market Definition	Physician Information Sharing
September 25	Physician IPAs - Patterns and Benefits of Integration	Physician IPAs - Messenger Model
September 26	Physician Unionization	Group Purchasing Organizations
September 30	International Perspectives on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy	Medicare and Medicaid
October 1	Remedies: Civil/Criminal	None

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/hc hearing.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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